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1	Long term credits to cultivators in the hill districts.
2	Expressions of grief and sympathy on the occasion of the death of His late Majesty King George V.
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4	Memorandum by the leaders of the Arab political parties.
5	Quarterly Imports of Wheat and flour.
6	Interview between the High Commissioner and certain Arab leaders.
7	Disturbances in Jaffa.
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10	Disturbances in Palestine, 1936.
11	Interview between the H.E. the High Commissioner and Arab leaders.
12	Disturbances in Palestine, 1936.
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57	Remission of Rural Property Tax on citrus lands.
58	Disturbances in Palestine, 1936.
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126	Secretary of State's opening speech in the Debate on Palestine in the House of Commons on the 19th June.
127	Disturbances in Palestine, 1936.
128	do do
129	Birthday of His Majesty the King.

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130	Amendments of the Emergency Regulations (No. 5), 1936.
131	Disturbances in Palestine, 1936.
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248	Statement of policy made by His Majesty's Government in London.	
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276	Internal Plant Quarantine.
277	Disturbances in Palestine, 1936.
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280	Disturbances in Palestine, 1936.
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290	Remission by the High Commissioner of half the commuted tithe payable in the Sub-District of Beersheba.
291	Text of an announcement made by the Secretary of State for the Colonies in reply to questions in the House of Commons.

No.	Subject
292	Distribution of £2,34,000 for the issue of seed loans to needy cultivators for the winter sowing.
293	Accession to the Throne of His Majesty the King George the Sixth.
294	His Majesty the King's Address to the Services of the Crown.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 1/36.

It will be recalled that Official Communiqué No. 39/35 of the 23rd September, 1935, announced that in order to enhance the well-being of the cultivators in the hill districts, the High Commissioner had decided to make a sum of RP. 50,000 available for long term credits to those cultivators.

The applications for loans which have already been submitted to the District Commissioners are greatly in excess of the sum of RP. 50,000 which is available and the High Commissioner regrets that he has found it necessary in the circumstances to arrange that the issue of application forms should be discontinued and that no outstanding forms should be accepted. His Excellency is satisfied that the period during which the issue of forms has been proceeding has been sufficient to permit of all proper applications being submitted.

15th January, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.2/36.

The High Commissioner has been much impressed by the widespread expressions of grief and sympathy which have reached him from the people of Palestine, on the occasion of the death of His late Majesty King George V.

His Excellency is grateful to the proprietors of cinemas and places of entertainment, who closed their premises as a mark of respect to His late Majesty.

بلاغ رسمي رقم (٢)

لقد تأثر المندوب السامي كثيراً من إمارات العنن والعطف الشامل الذي أبداه بلو. سكان فلسطين بمناسبة وفاة المرحوم جلالة الملك جورج الخامس. ويحرب نخامته عن امتنانه لأصحاب دور السينما والملاهي لاقتالهم محلاتهم إكراماً لجلالة الراحل.

٢٢ كانون الثاني سنة ١٩٣٦

הודעה רשמית מספר 2/36

הנציב העליון הודעה סדר מחמקת הצער הכללית ודברי החננומים שהגיעו אליו מחובבי מלמיה (א"י) בקשר עם מות המלך ג'אורג החמישי. הוד מעלתו אמר מודה לבעלי בתי הקולנוע והמקומות על סגורם כח מסדוניהם לאות חוקרה למלך המנוח.

22 בינואר, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.3/36.

The High Commissioner announces that Tuesday next, the 28th January, the day on which the funeral of the late King George the Fifth will take place at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, will not be proclaimed as a day of public mourning, since it is felt that the suspension of business activities involved would probably cause widespread hardship and loss.

His Excellency has ascertained that it is His Majesty's wish that the people of Palestine should on Tuesday mark the solemnity of the occasion of the late King's funeral in such a manner as each may think appropriate according to the circumstances in which he finds himself. For His Majesty knows well that the late King will be constantly in the thoughts of the people of Palestine on that day.

A memorial service will be held at St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, at 12 noon, and will include the observance of a period of two minutes silence in tribute to His late Majesty. The High Commissioner will attend the service, at which the Cathedral authorities will reserve places for foreign representatives and religious and other dignitaries. Similar services will be held at the same time at St. John's Church, Haifa, and at St. Peter's Church, Jaffa.

A combined parade service for His Majesty's Forces in Jerusalem will be held at 10 a.m. at Talavera Barracks.

The offices of all Government Departments will be closed to the public on the 28th January; the Courts will not sit, and Government schools will be closed.

25th January, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.4/36

It will be recalled that at the end of November the leaders of the Arab political parties submitted a memorandum to the High Commissioner setting out their main demands, namely:

- (a) that a democratic government should be established in Palestine;
- (b) that Jewish immigration should cease completely;
- (c) that all sales of land to Jews should be prohibited.

That memorandum was transmitted by His Excellency the High Commissioner to the Secretary of State who, having given it very careful consideration, communicated to His Excellency by telegraph the following reply:-

- (a) The demand for the establishment of a democratic Government has been answered by the communication on the part of the High Commissioner to the Arab leaders of proposals for the establishment of a Legislative Council with a large unofficial majority, in the composition of which the elective principle is recognized.

The proposals were made public in Official Communiqué No.45/35 of the 22nd December, 1935.

- (b) There can be no question of the total stoppage of Jewish immigration into Palestine. The guiding principle as regards the admission of immigrants is a policy of economic absorptive capacity and His Majesty's Government contemplate no departure from that principle.

In order to ensure that the closest possible relation is maintained between the number of new immigrants to be admitted and the absorptive capacity of the country both now and in the future a statistical bureau has been set up under the charge of a highly trained and experienced statistician from Canada. It is intended that this bureau should carry out periodical surveys of trade, industry and agriculture and should keep the High Commissioner in close touch with the changing economic situation in the country.

- (c) The Secretary of State approves in principle of the enactment of legislation whereby except in the sub-district of Beersheba and in urban areas, and also except as regards land planted with citrus, no land owner shall be permitted to sell any of his land unless he retains a minimum area which is sufficient to afford a means of subsistence to himself and his family; as a safeguard against collusive sales this minimum area shall be inalienable and shall revert to Government if it cease to be cultivated by the owner occupier.

The High Commissioner shall retain the power to approve the sale of a subsistence area if he is satisfied that to do so will be in the interests of the public good, for example, where a subsistence area is needed for sub-urban development or is blocking development of rural land or an important irrigation or drainage scheme.

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Subsistence areas will have to be defined and prescribed having regard to the condition of cultivation present in each region and the extent of those areas. Subsistence areas will be varied from time to time as the land in question is improved or as irrigation becomes possible. Consideration will moreover have to be given to the possibility in suitable circumstances of concentrating subsistence areas and also to the question whether leases of subsistence areas might under certain conditions be permitted.

The legislation proposed will be of general application so that outside the excluded areas the sale of land to any person would be subject to the restrictions indicated.

29th January, 1936,

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 5/36.

The High Commissioner has received authoritative reports to the effect that sufficient stocks of wheat are available in Palestine at present to meet all anticipated local demands during the quarter ending the 30th June next.

His Excellency has accordingly decided on the recommendation of the Standing Committee for Commerce and Industry, that no permits shall be granted for the importation of foreign wheat into Palestine during the months of April, May and June.

18 March, 1936

بلاغ رسمي رقم ٥/٣٦

تسلم المندوب السامي تقارير موقوفة بتقول بأنه يوجد في الوقت
الحاضر في فلسطين كميات كافية من القمح لتكفي لسد جميع الموزع في
المنطقة في ربيع السنة الذي ينتهي في ٣٠ حزيران القادم .
لذلك قرر فاعله بناء على توصي لجنة التجارة والمالية عدم منح
إذونات لاستيراد القمح الأجنبية إلى فلسطين إلى أواخر السنة نيسان ،
واليار و حزيران .

١٨ آذار سنة ١٩٣٦

הודעה רשמית מס. 5/36

הנציב העליון קבל ידיעות מוסמכות כי נמצאות בארץ עתה כמויות
מספיקות של חטים היכולות לספק את כל הדרישות המקומיות לחקוק
חלטה חדשה הנגמרת ב-30 ביוני, 1936.
הוד מעלתו החליט איפוא על יסוד הצעותיה של הועדה המחמדת לעניני
מסחר וחקטיה שלא ינחנן רשיונות להכנסת חטה מחו"ל במסך החדשית אפריל
מאי ויוני ט.ז.
18 במרץ, 1936

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 6/36.

His Excellency the High Commissioner this afternoon received the following Arab leaders:- Ragheb Be Nashashibi, Jamal Eff. Hussein, Mahmud Eff. Abu Khadra, Abdul Latif Bey Salah, and Yacoub Eff. Ghusseini.

His Excellency reminded them that they had submitted to him last November certain requests regarding constitutional and administrative matters in Palestine, - matters, as he had then pointed out, which, since they raised questions of major policy, he would have to submit to the Secretary of State before giving a definite reply. He had therefore forwarded their memorandum to the Secretary of State, and on January 29th informed them of the Secretary of State's answer.

They would have seen in the Press that the Secretary of State had recently given a hearing to certain Jewish representatives who had laid before him their objections to the establishment of a Legislative Council.

His Excellency had received a telegram from the Secretary of State in which the Secretary of State said that he understood that in general Arab Parties wished to see a Legislative Council established broadly on the lines proposed by His Majesty's Government, though he was aware that they were asking for certain alterations. The Jewish deputation he had received had made strong representations against the setting up of a Legislative Council at this time, and he would welcome a corresponding opportunity of hearing the expression of Arab opinion.

The Secretary of State had therefore authorised His Excellency to invite them, on his behalf, to send a deputation of Arab leaders to London, where they would be able to lay their views direct before the Secretary of State.

If they wished to accept the Secretary of State's invitation and would acquaint His Excellency with the names of the gentlemen who they proposed should form this deputation and the approximate time when they could arrive in London he would inform the Secretary of State. His Excellency thought that the members of the deputation should not exceed six in number.

The question to be discussed, His Excellency concluded was one of major policy on which the final decision would rest with His Majesty's Government.

In response to a question whether it would be open to the deputation also to submit to the Secretary of State the Arab case regarding land sales and immigration, the High Commissioner said that although the principal matter to be discussed with the Secretary of State was that of the Legislative Council, the deputation would also be at liberty to put forward their views on land sales and immigration.

After a short discussion, the Arab leaders informed the High Commissioner that it was their unanimous wish to accept the Secretary of State's invitation, and they asked His Excellency to convey a reply to that effect to the Secretary of State. They would wish one member of the deputation to be an Arab Christian, and they expected to be able to arrive in London within a few weeks.

2nd April, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No.7/36.
19th April, 1936.

The High Commissioner regrets to announce that disturbances occurred in Jaffa this morning involving several casualties.

Owing to false rumours (which were at once officially contradicted) that Arabs had been killed, crowds assembled about 11 o'clock in the Manshia Quarter of Jaffa and disturbances arose in the course of which several attacks were made upon Jews.

The Police intervened promptly and by the early afternoon order was restored and the situation was completely under control.

The casualties, so far as is known, were as follows: 7 Jews were killed, 11 seriously injured, and 28 slightly injured. 2 Arabs were killed, 1 seriously injured and 14 slightly injured.

3 rounds in all were fired under the direct control of Superior Police Officers after due warning had been given, one round when a crowd refused to disperse, and two rounds in order to stop a murderous assault actually in progress. The deaths of the two Arabs mentioned above as killed resulted from these shots.

As a precautionary measure the Defence Order in Council has been proclaimed, empowering the High Commissioner to put Emergency Regulations into operation, and a Curfew Regulation has accordingly been imposed at Jaffa and Tel Aviv requiring the inhabitants to be within doors between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m.

No incidents are reported from any other part of the country.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 8/36

There were no further incidents of disorder anywhere in Palestine last night; but renewed disturbances broke out this morning in the Manshieh Quarter of Jaffa and in Saknet Abu Kabir. There were also certain cases of arson on the Manshieh Quarter. The Police intervened and dispersed the disorderly elements, and restored order. In the course of disturbances two Jews and two Arabs were killed.

No other incidents have been reported elsewhere in Palestine.

The District Commissioner received a deputation of leading citizens of Jaffa this morning.

In addition to the seven deaths reported in yesterday's communique two deaths occurred last night of Jews wounded in yesterday's disturbances.

20th April, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 9/36.

The situation in Jaffa has become easier this afternoon, and all is quiet there at present. The funerals of the victims of yesterday's disturbances passed off calmly this morning.

Other casualties which occurred in Jaffa to-day have now been ascertained, and according to the latest reports the number is as follows:-

5 Jews were killed and 26 injured:

2 Arabs were killed and 32 injured.

There have been no disturbances of public order in Jerusalem, Haifa, and the rest of Palestine.

A Curfew Regulation remains in force in Jaffa and Tel-Aviv, requiring the inhabitants to be within doors between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m.

20th April, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.1C/36

The situation in Jaffa this morning is mainly quiet: a few small gatherings have been dispersed by the Police. Most of the shops are shut.

All is quiet in Jerusalem, where some of the shops are shut. Most of the shops in Hebron are also shut.

In the Northern District, several schools are on strike at Nebulus and Tulkarm; and most of the shops are shut at Nebulus, Tulkarm, Jenin, Safad and Beisan.

The situation in Haifa is almost normal; and there is nothing to report from the rest of the country.

21st April, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 11/36

His Excellency the High Commissioner this morning received the following Arab leaders:-

Ragheo Bey Nashashibi
Jamal eff. al Hussein
Abdul Latif Bey Sa'ad
Yakub eff. Ghusein
Shibli eff. Jamal,

and spoke to them as follows:-

I am sure that we all deplore the disorders that have recently taken place leading to regrettable loss of life.

Such disorders can achieve no good and are the direct cause of much evil and bitterness. Therefore I shall count on you gentlemen to use your influence to check all forms of disorder, prevent all serious acts and contradict any false rumours likely to disturb the public.

I consider that security of person and property are essential to the welfare of all people in this as in every country. Disruptions of the peace do nothing but harm to the people without distinction of race or creed.

I ask you then to explain to all over whom you have influence that the British will not hesitate to quell any disorders, though I am sure here that no further disorders will occur.

I am greatly grieved that many school boys and even young children have ceased working at their schools. I hope, gentlemen, you will use your influence to cause them to continue their studies.

21st April, 1936.

Official Communiqué 12/36.

This afternoon crowds which had collected in the streets of Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm dispersed quietly. There have been some further outbreaks of fire on the boundary between Jaffa and Tel Aviv. Shortly after 3 p.m. today an attempt was made by a crowd of Arabs to attack the settlement of Hatikvah near Salameh. The Police on the spot kept the crowd at a distance until re-inforcement arrived and dispersed them; subsequently an Arab was arrested in possession of a fire-arm. No other incidents of importance have been reported from Jaffa or elsewhere.

The public are specially warned against giving credence or currency to unsubstantiated rumours likely to create uneasiness in the minds of the people.

Under the Emergency Regulations the High Commissioner has prohibited all dealings in arms, ammunition and explosives and ordered that all persons in possession of such articles shall keep them in such secure places as the Police may approve.

The Curfew Regulation remains in force in Jaffa and Tel Aviv.

Two Jews previously wounded died today. Fourteen Arabs and five Jews are reported to have been injured in the course of isolated assaults today.



OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.13/36.

There has been little change in the situation up to noon to day and in general quiet prevails. In most of the towns in Palestine the majority of the shops other than cafés are shut. In Jerusalem most of the Arab shops are closed: arrests have been made of persons attempting to force shopkeepers to shut their shops.

In Haifa work in the Port is normal, busses are running between Haifa and Acre, and restaurants, cafés, bakeries etc. remain open.

There has been a cessation of work in the port of Jaffa.

No incidents have been reported in the Jerusalem and Southern Districts. In the Northern District a group of cars were stoned and held up near Jenin by a crowd largely composed of villagers and the police escort was forced to fire three rounds in defence of the occupants two of whom had been injured.

It was rumoured last evening that a disturbance had occurred at Lifta on the outskirts of Jerusalem. This rumour was false and without any foundation.

22nd April, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 14/36.

The High Commissioner visited Jaffa and Tel-Aviv this afternoon. Accompanied by the District Commissioner His Excellency called at the Jaffa Municipal Hospital, where he was met by the Mayor of Jaffa and visited those injured in the recent disturbances. His Excellency then proceeded to the Municipal Hospital of Tel-Aviv, where he was met by Mr. Dizengoff, Mr. Rokach and Mr. Dov Hos and visited those injured in the disturbances. His Excellency then returned to Jaffa through the Manshiya quarter, where he saw the evidences of the recent incendiarism. After a talk with Major Foley and Major Pringle-Patterson His Excellency visited each post in Jaffa of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. On his way back to Jerusalem His Excellency took tea with the Mayor of Ramleh at his house, where he met the Acting Mayor of Lyda.

No incidents have been reported up to 6 p.m. this evening and the situation remains generally quiet in all districts. The villagers from near Jenin who, as reported in the previous communiqué took part in holding up a group of cars, have returned to their villages.

Two Arabs have been arrested at Saknet Abu Kehir for spreading false rumours.

The total of casualties at Jaffa-Tel-Aviv from the beginning of the disturbances until this morning is as follows:-

16 Jews have been killed or died of wounds, and 26 have been admitted to hospital suffering from injuries.

5 Arabs have been killed or died of wounds, and 31 have been admitted to hospital suffering from injuries.

41 Arabs and 49 Jews are under treatment as out-patients.

2 other persons were slightly injured.

The Curfew Regulation remains in force at Jaffa and Tel-Aviv.

22nd April, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.15/36

The situation in general remains quiet and unchanged since yesterday.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock last night in the Florentin Quarter of Tel Aviv a Police patrol was fired on by a group of Jewish curfew-breakers. They returned the fire and the group dispersed to their houses. There were no casualties.

A fire broke out in Ben Shimon forest late at night. It was under control by midnight. Several dunams of cut crops were destroyed. All is quiet in this area.

A small fire at Manshiya was extinguished by the Jaffa and Tel-Aviv fire brigades together.

No other incidents are reported from the Southern District.

Nothing has occurred in the Jerusalem District except some stone-throwing by boys in Jerusalem. The Police have instructions to deal firmly with such conduct.

The majority of Arab shops except coffee-houses and food shops have remained closed in nearly all the towns.

It is confirmed that the murder of a Jewish woman by an Arab at Bushmiya, Haifa, announced last night by the Police, had no political motive but was due to purely private reasons.

23rd April, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.16/36.

The situation remains unchanged since the last official communiqué was issued and all districts are reported generally quiet up to 6 o'clock this evening, with no incidents except a few more minor cases of stone throwing by Arab boys.

The only changes in the casualty list this morning from yesterday morning are that 3 more Jews and 1 more Arab have been admitted to hospital; and that 1 more Jew and 3 more Arabs have been given treatment as out-patients.

A considerable number of patients have been discharged from hospital.

The Curfew Regulation is still in force in Jaffa-Tel-Aviv. There is no truth in rumours that it has been imposed anywhere else.

A number of other false reports are in circulation, and little credence should therefore be given to any rumours which may be heard.

23rd April, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 17/36.

Reports from all over the country show that the situation this morning is quiet.

A fire broke out last night in a Jewish timber yard at Haifa and did considerable damage before it was extinguished.

It is reported that during the night shots were fired at the Jewish settlement at Hakhoresh; the Police returned the fire, and the shots ceased. No one was injured.

Amman is normal and 90% of the shops are open.

Worshippers in the mosques at Jerusalem, Jaffa, Haifa, Tulkarm and Amman dispersed quietly after the mid-day prayer: at Nablus, Jenin and Beisan processions were formed which soon dispersed.

Work in Haifa Port is proceeding as usual.

24th April, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.18/36.

Quiet prevails throughout Palestine and no further incidents had been reported up to 6 o'clock this evening.

A procession which formed at Gaza after the mid-day prayer dispersed in an orderly fashion.

Many of those injured in the disturbances have been discharged from Jaffa and Tel Aviv hospitals; 18 Jews and 14 Arabs remain in hospital under treatment.

The Curfew Regulation has been lifted in parts of Jaffa and Tel Aviv. It remains in force over the main area of those towns.

The name of the Jewish settlement mentioned in the 2 o'clock communiqué (No.17) should have been given as Hakovash, not Hakhoreh.

24th April, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 19/36.

The situation is quiet.

It is reported that there is little Arab traffic on the roads this morning, and none in Jerusalem town and district. Arab shops, other than food-shops etc, are mainly closed.

A procession at Tulkarm this morning failed to break up when ordered to do so and has been dispersed.

A Communist was found last night posting up a manifesto at Saknet Abu Kebir and was arrested.

A few small crop-fires have occurred in the Beisan and Nazareth sub-districts.

There are no other incidents to report.

25th April, 1936.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 20/36.

.The situation remains unchanged, and no incidents have been reported since the issue of the last communiqué; the crop-fires mentioned therein occurred on the lands of Beit Alpha and Tel Yosef settlements.

Curfew Regulations at Jaffa and Tel Aviv remain as announced yesterday.

Unless there are any incidents to report no further communiqué will be issued before to-morrow evening.

25th April, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 21/36.

The situation remained quiet during the morning. Most Arab shops are shut and there is very little movement in Arab districts.

At Jerusalem a fire broke out last night in a warehouse rented by a Jewish merchant in the Armenian Quarter in the Old City. It was under control soon after mid-night. A considerable force of police was detailed to deal with the outbreak and succeeded in preventing it from spreading.

Five small fires occurred during the night on Jewish property in the Nazareth and Beisan sub-districts and were quickly suppressed. It was also reported that shots were fired at Kfar Yavitz colony during the night.

Two Arabs have been arrested for throwing stones at vehicles.

26th April, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 22/36.

Quiet continues to prevail, the general situation remaining unchanged since yesterday.

Two crop-fires were reported at night from Beisan and Nazerath sub-districts, one at Tel Yosef and the other at Tel Adashim. Five arrests have been made of persons suspected of having set fire to crops.

Shots were exchanged between a police patrol and unknown persons during the night near Lubban: there were no casualties.

27th April, 1936.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 25/36.

The situation in Nazareth is now quiet.

It is reported that owing to a misunderstanding concerning two Arab children who had strayed and were subsequently found, Arabs of the Ghaweir tribe penetrated into the groves of Migdal Settlement and assaulted some Jewish workers. One Jew is known to have been stabbed. Full details of this incident have not yet (7.30^{p.m.}) been received. Order has, however, been restored by the Police.

Otherwise all Districts are reported quiet. Most Arab shops remain closed and most Arab traffic is suspended.

Two arrests have been made for throwing nails on the road at Jerusalem, and two for interfering with traffic on the Jerusalem-Jaffa Road at Ramle.

28th April, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No.24/36.

The night passed quietly (except for the firing of some
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shots at Tel Litvinsky in Tulkarm/District) and the general
situation to-day remains unchanged.

A large crowd collected in Nazareth about 9 o'clock this
morning and began to stone the Police. They refused to disperse
when ordered to do so by the A/D.C. and the D.S.P., and after
a baton charge had proved ineffective the Police were ordered
to fire. They fired seven rounds. So far as is known one of
the demonstrators was slightly wounded.

No other incidents have been reported.

Three Arabs were arrested in Beisan last night for assault,
looting, and taking part in an unlawful assembly.

One of the Arab patients in Jaffa hospital, who had been
there for several days seriously ill, succumbed last night to
his injuries.

28th April, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 26/36.

A full account has now been received of the incident at Migdal reported in last night's communiqué. It confirms what is there stated, except that no Jew was stabbed: one was beaten and three others slightly injured. The Arabs dispersed soon after learning that the two boys had returned home.

During the night a small fire occurred in Balfouria Forest; some trees were cut down at Tel Yosef; and a Jew was superficially wounded by two Arabs in the street of the Prophets, Jerusalem. Two primitive bombs exploded harmlessly in Haifa and three arrests were made. Two or three explosions are also reported from Jaffa, apparently doing no damage.

The situation this morning is reported quiet and unchanged. About 100 labourers in Haifa Port ceased work.

29th April, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 27/36.

Three Arab lorries loaded with vegetables were stopped by ^{early in the afternoon} Arabs at Qalqiliya. One Arab was accidentally crushed between the trucks and killed. One of the lorries was burnt.

Two Arabs have been arrested in connexion with the fire which occurred last night in the Balfour Forest.

Shortly after 6 p.m. today a large crowd of students armed with sticks demonstrated in the Musrara Quarter. A Police Inspector with a party of police blew his whistle and ordered them to disperse. They stoned the police, who were compelled to make a baton charge. The crowd moved down towards the Damascus Gate and were joined by a large number of adult Arabs. At this stage two shots were fired from a café at the police. The Inspector fired three rounds in reply. Whereupon three more shots were fired at the Police from the Café. The Police were heavily stoned, especially from the roof of the Gozira Hotel, whence also a shot was fired at the Police, who returned the fire. Police reinforcements arrived and dispersed the crowd. Civilian casualties are 9 from batons, (one serious.) Police casualties are 7 from stones.

No other incidents have been reported elsewhere in Palestine.

His Excellency the High Commissioner has given discretionary power to the Director of Customs to waive storage fees on merchandise the clearing of which has been delayed owing to present conditions.

29th April, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 28/36.

The situation remains as before.

Two bombs exploded harmlessly in Jaffa last night. A bomb was also thrown in Haifa: it did no damage and an arrest has been made.

About midnight a citrus-packing-shed belonging to the Habei Co. near Hadera Railway Station caught fire and was destroyed.

There are no other incidents to report.

Later reports show that 17 civilian casualties resulting from the baton charge made by the Police near the Damascus Gate, Jerusalem, last evening were treated at hospital. Three were detained as in-patients, one of whom is reported to be seriously injured.

There is no truth in the rumour that two persons have succumbed to their injuries.

A deputation of Arabs headed by notables of Tiberias called yesterday afternoon upon Migdal Settlement and expressed regret for Tuesday's incident there (see Official Communiqué No. 25/36 of 28th April.)

30th April, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No.29/36.

It is reported that a party of 17 Arab Scouts armed with sticks and some of them with knives arrived at Gan Berman, near Khirbat Beit Lid (Tulkarm sub- district) shortly before noon; the Jewish workmen withdrew. The Scouts then seized and beat the Arab foreman. A police patrol came by and arrested all the scouts.

A lorry accidentally skidded overturned and took fire on the Jerusalem-Jaffa road near Kibab this afternoon; the driver was pinned beneath the lorry and burnt to death.

No other incidents have been reported, and the situation remains generally quiet.

In view of certain false rumours which are current it is emphasised that no incidents have occurred in Jerusalem today.

30.4.46.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 30/36.

The general situation is reported quiet up to noon, today.

A bomb exploded in the Mea Shearim Quarter of Jerusalem in the night, and two others in Jaffe this morning. None of them did any damage.

The following incidents are reported from the Northern District. A crowd at Acre failed to disperse when ordered to do so and 17 arrests were made. Shots were fired without injuring anyone at the Jewish settlement of Ain Warid near Tel Mond.

Three arrests have been made in connexion with the uprooting of trees at Tel Yosef on April 29 (See Official Communiqué No. 26/36 of April 29).

1st MAY, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 31/36.

Crowds collected about 1 o'clock this afternoon in Acre, Haifa and Jaffa.

At Acre after the mid-day prayer a crowd proceeded towards the cemetery but, on being addressed by a notable and advised to disperse peacefully, returned to the Mosque and thence dispersed. Some stones had previously been thrown at the Police.

At Haifa a crowd of some 1500 persons took part in an unauthorized procession between the Istiqlal and the Jereina Mosques. They were accompanied by religious Sheikhs who at the instance of the Police addressed them and asked them to disperse. They showed no signs of doing so, and stoned the Police. The Police Inspector then gave the dispersal order and caused a Vercy light to be fired. The crowd persisted in stoning the Police and a baton charge was ordered which dispersed the main body. Gatherings then assembled in several side streets and continued to stone the Police, a party of whom under a British Inspector was heavily stoned from all sides, with the result that the Inspector was compelled to order one of his men to fire after due warning had been given. One shot only was fired, which hit and mortally wounded a youth. At the same time a baton charge was made, and eventually the crowd dispersed and order was restored. Four Arabs have been admitted to hospital suffering from injuries. In the course of these events a Jewish car was stoned, causing a collision with another car as a result of which four Jews were injured.

At Jaffa some excitement was caused among those who had left the Grand Mosque by a false rumour that two Jews had been found inside the Mosque. The men were taken into custody and proved not to be Jews but strangers from Es Salt. On being informed of this the crowd moved off towards Ajami where they were ordered to disperse and eventually did so.

In Jerusalem and the rest of the country the day has passed quietly.

1st May, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 32/36.

The situation has been quiet in general during last night and this morning.

The funeral of the Arab youth who met his death during the demonstration at Haifa yesterday was held this morning at Baled el Shoikh Cemetery. The report that one of those injured during yesterday's demonstration has since died is quite untrue: the subject of this report, who was a respected citizen of Haifa, was not concerned in the demonstration, but collapsed from heart failure while sitting outside his house in the evening and died shortly afterwards.

Stones were thrown at a car in Haifa last evening and five arrests were made.

There are no other incidents to report.

2nd May, 1936.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 35/36

There is nothing to add to the previous Communiqué.

Unless there is anything of special interest to report
no further Communiqué/ will be issued until to-morrow evening.

2nd May, 1936.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 34/36.

The situation remains generally quiet.

A few small fires and the throwing of primitive explosives have been reported in different places. A serious fire broke out this afternoon in a timber yard in Haifa. Naval ratings were landed to assist in dealing with it and by 4 p.m. it was reported to be under control.

Twelve Arabs who were found by the Police late last night lying in wait between Jerusalem and Ramallah have been arrested.

This evening a family dispute led to a serious fight among Arabs in Hebron, resulting in the death of one man and serious injuries to three others.

Dr. Carl Feldberg who was struck by a stone while driving his car during the Arab demonstration at Haifa last Friday (see Official Communiqué No. 31/36 of that date) died last night as a result of his injury.

3rd May, 1936.

3rd May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 35/36.

The general situation remains unchanged.

Two or three small fires occurred during the night.

A Police Inspector was fired at last night on the Ain Karem Road. He saw three Arabs and called upon them to halt. Two of them halted, of whom one was in possession of a rifle and ammunition. The third refused to halt and the Inspector fired and wounded him in the thigh. He died this afternoon in the Government Hospital.

No incidents have been reported in the course of the day.

Under the Collective Punishment Ordinance a punitive post has been imposed on Balad esh Sheikh village, where passing vehicles have frequently been stoned.

The Curfew Regulations at Jaffa and Tel-Aviv were withdrawn last night.

4th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 36/36.

His Excellency the High Commissioner this morning received the members of the Arab Higher Committee, and addressed them as follows:-

"I have asked you to come here this morning, as I consider this a very important meeting, and I have no doubt you will consider carefully what I say.

"I take this opportunity to tell you that the memorandum you submitted to me dealt with major questions of policy, and I have therefore forwarded your Memorandum to the Secretary of State.

"I was yesterday shown a Manifesto signed by Hasan Sidky Dajani and Saleh Abdu, as President and Vice President of the Transport Strike Committee.

"This Manifesto recommended the refusal to pay taxes and declared the need for all Government officials to go on strike.

"Government is now taking legal action against these two signatories.

"I am confident that none of you, gentlemen, will associate yourselves with this Manifesto or with any illegal act.

"In view of Hasan Sidky Dajani's Manifesto the public may naturally imagine that certain members of the Supreme Arab Committee are associated with the views expressed in this Manifesto.

"Therefore I strongly urge you to make it known without delay to the public that you definitely do not associate yourselves with this policy or any illegal acts.

"It has been stated that the Supreme Arab Committee propose to visit various towns.

"I take this opportunity to inform you that I shall not authorise the holding of public meetings which might degenerate into demonstrations and disorders and thus possibly cause loss of life.

"Now you know that the Secretary of State has agreed to meet a Delegation in London, and I have always advised you to adopt that course.

"I need not emphasize today the unfortunate effects that would result were the Committee to be associated with any illegal action; you might lose this opportunity of presenting Your case under favourable conditions.

"It is my considered view that this strike is bringing nothing but evil and no good to anyone.

"You know as well/

"You know as well as I do the suffering that is being caused to men, women and children of your own race especially of the poorest class, the very class whom we should try to help and not to add to their hardships in life. The great injury being done to schoolboys is plain to all, and will take long to remedy; and you well know that Government will not be deflected from the course it deems right by any strike, and is determined to take every measure to stop the committal of lawless acts.

"Therefore I urge you, gentlemen, to remember your responsibilities as members of the Supreme Arab Committee and set your face against all illegal acts whether of murder, arson, or any form of civil disobedience and assist Government in the measures they are taking and will take to restore security and good order throughout the country.

"It is clear to me that you had a wise course open to you of sending a Delegation to London, and this course is still open to you; instead of this, you have chosen to support a strike which does nothing to strengthen your case, but causes endless sufferings principally on the poorer people of your own race, and has led to many acts of lawlessness.

"I urge you therefore as responsible leaders to give up the latter and adopt the former course.

"I am sure you will consider carefully what I have said this morning."

5th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 37/36.

Between 7 and 8 o'clock last night an Arab boy from Hebron was admitted to the Government Hospital in Jerusalem with a slight bullet wound in the leg. He said he heard a shot and saw three boys running away. It appears from his description that the incident probably took place in Sheikh Jarrah Quarter.

The watchman at Kfar Yehoshua challenged two persons he saw loitering on the outskirts of the settlement about 1 a.m. They shot at him and he returned the fire: he was wounded in the face.

Several small fires occurred in the Northern District during the night and at 1.30 this afternoon a fire broke out in Balfour Forest which was extinguished with the help of troops.

Punitive police posts have been imposed upon seven villages in the Northern District under the Collective Punishments Ordinance.

5th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 38/36.

A crowd of some hundreds collected in the Mamillah Road Jerusalem about 11 o'clock this morning, but dispersed at once on being ordered to do so by the police.

This afternoon about 4.15 cars passing through Jenin were stoned, and a crowd which collected proceeded to stone the police. One policeman was also slightly stabbed in the arm before the crowd was dispersed by a baton charge and order restored. Two arrests have so far been made.

Punitive police posts have been established in two villages in Haifa sub-district.

It was stated in Communiqué No. 24/36 of April 28 that shots had been fired at Tel-Litwinsky. The firing actually took place at Gan-Litwinsky, N.W. of Hertzliya, and no incidents whatever have occurred at Tel-Litwinsky.

6th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 39/36.

At about 7.30 last evening a shot was fired at a Jewish bus on the Haifa-Jaffa road near Beit Dajan, and a few minutes later an Arab car was fired on at almost the same spot. No one was injured.

This morning a fire broke out at an envelope factory at Athlit, and was still burning at 4 p.m. Two suspected persons have been arrested.

There are no other incidents to report.

The three persons arrested in connexion with the trouble at Jenin yesterday were tried by the District Court there to-day. One, who stabbed a police constable was sentenced to 7 years' imprisonment, and the others each to 1 year's imprisonment.

7th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 40/36.

Owing to the failure through drought of the winter crops in Beersheba Sub-District H is Excellency the High Commissioner recently recommended to the Secretary of State that half the commuted tithe in the Sub-District should be waived. The Secretary of State has approved of this being done, and the tribes are thus relieved of a payment of £24,500.

The Secretary of State has also approved the High Commissioner's recommendation that ~~the reduction of~~ the Rural Property Tax payable in respect of ground crops in the Auja area of the Jordan Valley, which has suffered from the drying up of springs due to successive years of drought, should be reduced this year by fifty per cent.

The question of the remission of Rural Property Tax on citrus fruits is at present under consideration by Government and a decision will be announced in regard to it later.

8th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 41/36

A crowd collected and demonstrated after the mid-day prayer at the Central Mosque Jaffa. Part of the crowd was sent away by its leaders, and the remainder dispersed later on at the demand of the Police.

There is nothing else to report.

بلاغ رسمي رقم ٣٦/٤١

تجمع جمودر وتظاهر بعد تأدية صلاة الظهر
في جامع يافا الكبير . وقد تفرق قسم من الجمودر
بناء على طلب الزعماء وتفرق الباقي بعد ذلك بناء
على طلب البوليس .
وليس هنالك من حوادث اخرى لايرادها .

١٩٣٦ سنة

הודעה רשמית מס. 41/36.

המון נחאסף והפגין היור ביפו לאחר תפילת הצהריים במסגד המרכזי.
חלק מההמון נשלח לביתו והטאר נחפור אחר כך לפי דרישת המשטרה.
אין ידיעות על מאורעות אחרים.

8 במאי, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 44/36

About 9 p.m. last night a primitive bomb exploded outside the house of the Mayor of Haifa. It did practically no damage.

A small harmless explosion occurred near the house of the Assistant District Commissioner at Nablus.

There are no other incidents to report; and there is no change in the general situation.

May 11th, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 45/36.

Arab crowds assembled in Jaffa last evening and had to be dispersed by the Police. Four persons were admitted to hospital suffering from injuries.

The Curfew Regulation was re-imposed at Jaffa last night.

About 8 p.m. a small bomb was thrown outside the Central Police Station at Haifa. No damage was done. Three arrests were made.

A fire occurred in a Jewish school at Manshiya, Jaffa today. The building is closed and the origin of the fire is unknown. It was extinguished by the Police with the assistance of Arabs.

Members of the High Arab Committee visited Haifa this afternoon, where a crowd of three or four thousand gathered at the Jareina Mosque. The crowd dispersed quietly.

12.5.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.46/36.

Three Transjordanian Arabs living in a hut at Givat Shaul, outside Jerusalem, where they worked on a stone-crushing machine owned by a Jew, were attacked during the night by armed men. One of them was shot dead and another wounded in the leg. According to a description by a third the assailants were Arab fellahin. Police dogs trailed them to Lifta, where an arrest was made.

A small bomb exploded last evening near the Jaffa Municipal Offices: it did no damage. Cases of stoning occurred on roads in the Southern District and several arrests were made. It was also reported that a bus had been shot at on the Jerusalem-Jaffa road between Ramle and Jaffa.

In the Northern District a small and harmless explosion occurred near the office of the District Officer at Tulkarm.

Shortly after noon to-day three shots were fired ~~xx~~ from a revolver in David's Street Jerusalem without anyone being hit.

Immediately after the incident, on the statement of an Arab who claimed to have seen the shots fired, a Jew who had run into a shop nearby was arrested. He had no revolver in his possession and no revolver has since been found.

A meeting of Arab ladies was held in the Orthodox School in Ajami Jaffa, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. A small crowd assembled after the meeting but dispersed quietly.

About 2 o'clock a Jew was found in the Old City, Jerusalem, with a bullet wound in the head. He died an hour later. About 5 o'clock another Jew was shot and mortally wounded in the Old City.

Curfew has been imposed throughout the Old City of Jerusalem from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. beginning from to-night.

The Curfew Regulation remains in force at Jaffa, where many persons were arrested last night for breaking it.

13th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 47/36

An Arab was found shot by a bullet from an automatic pistol in the Old City about 7 o'clock this morning. His brother, a boy of 12, states that three shots were fired at them in the street in the Bab Silsileh Quarter by a man whom he describes as a Jew. There is as yet no other evidence in the case, and investigations continue.

Two girls were arrested at Talbiya, Jerusalem, this morning, distributing a communist tract.

Some stoning of cars and buses by Arabs in Talpiot was reported about noon today and two arrests have been made.

No other incidents have occurred in Jerusalem today, and the public are specially warned against believing any rumour to the contrary.

No incidents of importance have occurred elsewhere in the country.

The area of Jerusalem subject to Curfew has been extended as from to-night, and now includes, in addition to the Old City the region within the following boundary: Damascus Gate, Nablus Road, St. George's Road, St. Paul's Road, Allenby Square, St. Louis Way, Julian's Way, Station Road, Ophthalmic Hospital and thence to Zion Gate, including the Nabi Daud Quarter. The roads mentioned above are not themselves included. The Curfew Regulation is in force from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

14th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 48/36

Jerusalem District.

During the night two bombs were thrown in Jerusalem, which caused no damage, and two others exploded harmlessly this morning. No other incidents have been reported in Jerusalem.

Southern District

A Jewish bus was fired at near Rehovoth this morning. No one was hurt and the Arab assailant was arrested soon afterwards with his rifle.

Shots were fired at Raanana Settlement during the night, slightly wounding one Jew.

Two bombs were thrown in Jaffa, one of which exploded, but caused no damage.

Groups of Arabs began to form in Jaffa soon after midday and eventually collected into a crowd of about a thousand, carrying sticks, which came into contact with the Police at King George's Avenue and stoned them. The crowd were warned to disperse and the Police Inspector blew his whistle several times. They refused to disperse even after a police charge, and the police were compelled to fire four rounds, wounding one Arab mortally. Eleven Arabs have been admitted to hospital suffering from injuries which are not gunshot wounds. Order was restored.

Northern District.

Two bombs exploded harmlessly in Haifa during the night.

A fire occurred in a Customs shed which burnt several lift vans and their contents and damaged others.

About 11 o'clock this morning a demonstration took place at Acre in which two bus loads of Arabs from Jenin joined. The Asst. Superintendent of Police was attacked and ordered a baton charge. Four persons were injured and fifteen arrested.

A procession formed in Nablus after the midday prayer, which dispersed of its own accord without police action. Three or four shots were fired in the air by one of the crowd; One of these shots, it is reported, hit and slightly injured an Arab of the crowd.

The general situation this evening is reported to be unchanged.

15th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 50/36.

The High Commissioner announced with deep regret and abhorrence the cold-blooded murder of three members of the Jewish community in Jerusalem last night.

As the audience at the earlier performance at the Edison Cinema were preparing to leave an unknown assailant fired ^{five} pistol-shots into the cinema from outside and then escaped. Three Jews were mortally wounded and two others slightly wounded.

The Police have a description of the criminal and hope soon to be in possession of further evidence.

The funeral of the victims took place this morning.

Curfew has been imposed upon the whole municipal area of Jerusalem from 3 p.m. to 6 a.m. beginning from to-night.

17th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 51/36.

Shots were fired during the night at the Kibbutz Amouchad settlement near Hershliya and at a bus near Neve Sheanan, Haifa. No one was injured.

Two bombs were thrown at Haifa and two at Safad. No damage was done.

Telephone lines were cut in several places during the night.

Two lorries bringing vegetables and eggs from Syria were attacked at Zeeb (Acce) and the drivers were assaulted. Twelve arrests were made.

Three bombs were confiscated by the police in Hadar Mikael, Haifa, and an Arab has been arrested in connexion with the discovery.

A fire occurred about noon to-day in an Arab building in the Manshiya, Jaffa. Crowds collected and were dispersed by the police. There were no casualties and no arrests had to be made.

There are no other incidents to report.

17th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 52/36.

At 8.5 this morning an Austrian Christian was shot through the head in the Street of the Prophets, Jerusalem, near Abyssinian Street, and died soon afterwards. The Police have a description of 2 persons suspected of having taken part in this murder, and investigations are continuing. The High Commissioner deeply deplores this further outrage.

18th May, 1936.

بلاغ رسمي رقم ٢٦/٥٢

في الساعة الثامنة والدقيقة الخامسة من صباح هذا اليوم اطلقت النار على رجل مسيحي اصابته في راسه في "اربع الانبياء" في القدس بالقرب من شارع الجحش وتوفي على الفور. ولدى البوليس اذونات لشخصين يشتبه بالاشتراك في هذا القتل ولا يزال التحقيق جاريا. وبأسف السندوب السامي كثيرا لهذا الاعتداء الأخير.

١٨ أيار سنة ١٩٣٦

הודעה רשמית מס. 52/36.

הבקר ב-8.5 מ. נורה אוסטרי-נוצרי כראשו ברחוב הנביאים, ירושלים, ליד רחוב החבשים, ומת מיד אחר כך. בידו המסמרה נמצא חומר של שני אנשים התסודיר בהסתחפות ברצח זה: התקירה נמסרה. הנציב העליון מצטער מאד על מעשה האכזריות הנוסף הזה.

18 במאי, 1936.

A bomb exploded near the Dujani Quarter in Jaffa last night; and a bomb was thrown at a Jewish house at Tibérias. Neither caused any damage.

An attempt was made during the night to blow up a bridge near Safiriya village: little damage was done to the bridge, but an Arab supposed to be the perpetrator was found to have been killed by the explosion.

A collective fine and a punitive ^{police} post have been imposed on Seeb village (Acro) for cutting telephone wires.

One of those injured during the demonstration at Jaffa last Friday has died.

The turbough found at the scene of the crime in the Street of the Prophets, Jerusalem, reported in this morning's communique, has been identified as belonging to the murdered man, both by his widow and by the vendor.

A crowd of some 500 persons collected at the funeral this afternoon of the victim of this morning's shooting outrage; and a party of them which attempted to break through the police cordon had to be dispersed by a baton charge. So far as is known, no one was injured.

With effect from to-night the Curfew hours in the municipal area of Jerusalem are 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. instead of 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

16th May, 1956.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 54/36.

In addition to the protective measures already taken to safeguard the Railway, the public are informed that a motor convoy departs from Mount Scopus every day at 10.30 a.m. conducting north-bound traffic (including traffic proceeding to Haifa) through Nablus and Jenin as far as Affuleh. A similar convoy runs every morning from Tel-Aviv to Tulkarm and Affuleh. Return convoys leave Affuleh every day at 3 p.m. for Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv.

Each of these convoys is protected in front and rear by British soldiers in special lorries.

The Jerusalem-Jaffa road is frequently patrolled by troops as well as by police.

18th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 55/36.

In the house of Commons to day in reply to a question as to what steps are being taken to inform Arab leaders in Palestine that His Majesty's Government will not be diverted from carrying out the Mandate by violence or threats of violence, the Secretary of State for the Colonies made the following statement:

" The High Commissioner for Palestine has made the attitude of His Majesty's Government quite clear to Arab leaders in Palestine. I wish to take this opportunity to state that His Majesty's Government have been giving earnest consideration to the situation in Palestine resulting from recent disturbances and continuing state of unrest. The first necessity is re-establishment of civil order and the High Commissioner is taking all necessary steps to this end. Subject to this His Majesty's Government has decided that the suggested Arab deputation to London would no longer meet conditions which have arisen and that instead it is preferable that an enquiry on the spot should be undertaken. They have therefore decided after order is restored to advise His Majesty to appoint a Royal Commission which without bringing into question the terms of the Mandate will investigate the causes of unrest and alleged grievances either of Arabs or of Jews."

13th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 56/36.

Three shots were fired at a Jew in the Armenian Quarter of the Old City, Jerusalem, early this morning, mortally wounding him.

The Police have a description of the murderer.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock an Arab was stabbed in Ben Yehuda Street Jerusalem. He was taken to hospital and has given the Police a description of his assailant.

19th May, 1936.

بلاغ رسمي رقم ٢٦/٥٦

في الصباح الباكر من هذا اليوم أطلقت ثلاث عيارات نارية على يهودي في حي الارمن في المدينة القديمة في القدس - ابنه بجرام سميت .
ولدى البوليس اوصاف القاتل .
واليوم ما بين الساعة التسعة والعاشر صباحا طعن عربي في شارع بن يهودا في القدس . وقد نقل الى المستشفى واعطى البوليس اوصاف المبتدئ

הודעה רשמית מס. 56/36

הבקר ביום מוקדם , ירו שלוש יריות נפוצות ליהודי במקום
הארמנים שבמזרח העיר ופצעו אותו וציינו שם .
המטרה יאנו חבור הרוצח .
הבקר בין 10-9 בבקר ירש פצוע בן יהודה בירושלים
הוא נלקח לבית החולים ומסר לשטרה את האורז של
המטרה .

16 במאי 1936

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 57/36.

It was stated in Official Communiqué No. 40/36 of the 8th May, 1936, that the question of a remission of Rural Property Tax on citrus lands was under consideration.

The High Commissioner caused a full inquiry to be made into the effects of the exceptionally severe Khamsin winds of last spring upon the yield of the 1935/36 citrus crop. The inquiry showed that citrus growers in places particularly affected by the adverse weather had suffered losses of crop varying from 30 percent to 80 percent. As is well known the exportable crop was reduced from an anticipated figure of eight million boxes to less than six million.

His Excellency therefore proposed to the Secretary of State a reduction of the rate of Rural Property Tax on groves in the seriously affected areas, in respect of the tax-year 1935-36, by amounts varying from ^{one}quarter to one half, according to the percentage of failure; and the Secretary of State has now approved this proposal.

The relief from payment thereby afforded to growers is estimated at approximately £16500.

19th. May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 58/36.

The arrival of a ship off Jaffa with a cargo to be discharged at Tel Aviv caused excitement this morning among Arab lightermen, some of whom followed the ship in motor launches to the mouth of the Buja and attempted to board it, which they were prevented from doing by a Police launch. An armed escort was put on board the ship which proceeded to discharge the cargo under the supervision of Customs officials and British police.

A number of bombs exploded last evening and during the night at various places in Jaffa and the neighbourhood: one, at Mikveh Israel, injured three cows, but otherwise they did no damage.

A demonstration at Gaza this morning dispersed peacefully.

In the Northern District shots were exchanged during the night between Arabs and the Ghafir posts at Hedera and at Bat Alfa.

A dispute occurred this morning between the Ghafir of the Nesha settlement and Arab es Shubai over grazing. Jewish students from the Kadourie School and other Arabs intervened and a fight developed in which two Arabs, one Jew, and one Policeman were injured. The Assistant District Commissioner Galilee went to the scene and held an inquiry.

A demonstration at Nazareth dispersed quietly.

The funeral of the Jew who was murdered in Jerusalem this morning was held without incident this afternoon.

No other incidents are reported from the Jerusalem District.

The total number of arrests made since April 19 exclusive of those for breaking curfew regulations is as follows: Arabs 614 Jews 55.

19th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 39/36

With effect from tonight the Curfew Regulation is imposed upon the System of the Palestine railways and operated lines (i.e. all railway lines in Palestine) from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., outside Municipal Areas. The region so affected extends for a distance of 50 metres on each side of the lines measured from the centre of the permanent way. Railway employees will be exempt from this Curfew Regulation.

20.5.36.

بلاغ رسمي رقم ٣٩/٣٦

لاعتباراً من هذه التوقيت يعرض نظام منع التجول على جميع خطوط السكك الحديدية في فلسطين من الساعة السابعة مساءً حتى الساعة الخامسة من صباح اليوم التالي خارج مناطق البلديات. والمنطقة التي يسود عليها هذا النظام تمتد لمسافة خمسين متراً من كل جانب من الخطوط مقيسة من مركز الخط إلى الأمام. ويخفى من هذا المنع عمال السكك الحديدية.

٢٠ أيار سنة ١٩٣٦

הודעה רשמית מס' 39/36

החל מהלילה הזה יחול המצב המיוחד של כל קווי מסלול הברזל

בארץ מחוץ לאזורים המיועדים מ-7 בערב עד 5 בבוקר.

המרחב שצדדים סלול המצב המיוחד מסתדק על 50 מטר ברחב מסלול

צדדי המסלול החק מסבצות. קווי מסלול הברזל יהיו פטורים

מחקוק המצב המיוחד.

20 במאי, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 60/56.

Shots were fired during the night at Beisan, Beit Alpha, Jenin and one or two other places in the Northern District, without causing any casualty.

Bombs exploded harmlessly at Acre, Haifa and near Hill settlements, Jerusalem.

This afternoon a bomb was thrown into the yard of the Rural Police Station Jaffa, breaking windows but doing no other damage and no injury. An arrest was made.

No other incidents of importance have occurred during the last twenty four hours.

It was stated in Official Communiqué No. 59/56 of yesterday that a bomb had exploded at Mikveh Israel; it was not at Mikveh Israel but at Pithul Shimonon, near Mikveh Israel.

20th May, 1956.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 61/36

During the last twenty four hours some shots have been fired at Beit Dejan, Balfouria and Hablus. Nineteen persons have been detained in connection with a shot fired at Haifa near the Shemen factory.

Further incidents of bomb-throwing have been reported at Jaffa, Beit Dejan and Haifa. No damage was done. At Haifa an Arab was arrested in possession of two bombs.

Telephone wires were cut in several places during the night.

Early this morning a railway bridge on the Lydda Haifa line was damaged by explosive. Train communications were not interrupted.

Late this afternoon at St. Stephen's Gate, Jerusalem, while a British constable was searching those entering and leaving the Old City for arms, a fellow drew a revolver and fired at him. The British constable fired two rounds in reply, seriously wounding his assailant. Later some shots were fired at the Police from houses in the same area, no one was injured and a thorough search is being made of the neighbourhood.

Jewish

At 5.20 p.m. shots were fired at a bus when it was passing Kilo 20 on the Jerusalem-Jaffa road. One man and one woman were wounded. As a result of this attack two truck-loads of British troops accompanied by an Inspector of Police proceeded to the scene. On arrival they were fired upon and one British soldier was wounded. The troops and the police are now searching the area for the assailants.

21st May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 62/36.

During the night further isolated incidents of bomb-throwing and arson and attempted interruption of telegraph communications have been reported from the Northern District.

There have also been some cases of shooting but no casualties have occurred.

In the early morning an unsuccessful attack was made by an armed Arab band to hold up a milk and supply convoy between Gederia and Haifa. Shots were fired and were returned by the Police escort but the assailants disappeared.

An unsuccessful attempt was made during the night to set fire to a customs shed and other buildings in the Levant Fair grounds.

The Arab wounded at St. Stephen's Gate yesterday afternoon, died early this morning.

An additional battalion of Infantry and a Railway Company of the Royal Engineers have been sent from Egypt to reinforce the garrison in Haifa.

22nd May, 1936.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 63/36.

An official communiqué published on 18th May announced the inauguration under military escort of daily motor convoys to and from Jerusalem and Affule and Tel-Aviv and Affule.

The Jerusalem convey by way of Heblus and Jenin to Affule will continue to leave Mount Scopus daily at 10.30 a.m.

The following revised timings which will come into force on Sunday next May 24th are announced for the other three daily convoys.

The Tel-Aviv convey for Affule by way of Tulkarm will leave Tel-Aviv daily at 9.30 a.m. instead of 10.30 a.m. as at present.

The Affule convey for Jerusalem by way of Jenin and Heblus will leave Affule at 10.30 a.m. daily instead of 3 p.m. as at present.

The Affule convey for Tel-Aviv by way of Tulkarm will leave Affule at 10.30 a.m. daily instead of 3 p.m. as at present.

22nd May, 1936.

Official Communiqué No. 65/36.

Crowds assembled in the larger towns after the midday prayer, and in Jaffa, Gaza, Nablus, Jenin, Tulkarm and elsewhere demonstrations were held which dispersed peacefully.

A bomb was thrown into the Ajami Police Barracks this morning breaking several window-panes. No one was injured. There are no other incidents to report.

The Curfew Regulation has been imposed on the Nablus municipal area from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. with effect from tonight. With effect from tomorrow curfew hours in Jerusalem will be 6.30 p.m. to 5 a.m. instead of 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.

It has been ascertained that the Arab who was fatally wounded at St. Stephen's Gate, Jerusalem, yesterday after firing at a British constable, was not a fellah as stated in Communiqué No. 61/36 but an inhabitant of Jerusalem.

22.5.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 66/36.

No incidents are reported from the Jerusalem District.

In the Southern District a large demonstration was held this morning at Beersheba. Petitions were presented to the District Officer for transmission to Government and the crowd dispersed quietly.

A Jew who entered Jaffa from Tel Aviv this morning was mobbed by an Arab crowd. He was rescued by an Arab notable and held in safety until the police arrived and dispersed the crowd.

A bomb exploded on the borders of Manshiya Tel Aviv, doing no damage.

An unsuccessful attempt to frustrate Curfew Regulations was made in Jaffa this morning.

In the Northern District a supernumerary Arab police man was shot dead at Zfar Yevitz during the night. An arrest has been made.

A demonstration was held at Acre this morning; the demonstrators dispersed at the order of the police, reformed and dispersed again. Meanwhile another crowd attacked the police station and stoned the police there. The British Inspector fired a Versey light and twice ordered the crowd to disperse, which they refused to do. On his order two shots were then fired at the crowd; before it dispersed a shot was fired at the police which wounded a constable.

Armoured cars proceeding from Tulkarm to Nablus found a crowd of villagers placing stones on the road. Three of the villagers who were armed were arrested and the villagers were compelled to remove the obstructions from the road.

Later on a party of troops were fired upon between Nablus and Tulkarm; they returned the fire and two of the assailants are believed to have been wounded.

23.5.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 67/36.

At Nablus last evening after a clash between the police and a crowd in which the former were stoned and forced to fire, the Deputy District Superintendent with a police and a party of troops proceeded to Shweitra Street to remove two barricades which had been erected by the crowd and enforce the Curfew Regulations. At the second barricade the Police were fired upon. They returned the fire and killed one man. They were then stoned from roofs and side streets, and were again forced to fire, another man being killed. Order was then restored. Four other persons are reported to have been wounded, one of them seriously.

Other incidents of less importance which occurred during the night will be reported in this evening's communiqué.

24th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 68/36.

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Several incidents occurred last night and this morning in the Northern District besides the disorder at Nablus reported in this morning's communiqué.

Bombs were thrown in Safad and Beisan, but caused no damage. Telephone wires were cut in several places. The convoy from Tiberias to Nazareth was stoned at Kafr Kama, and the Nablus-Tulkarm convoy was fired at, and the fire returned. Shots were exchanged between the Police and unknown persons when the former were extinguishing a fire in the Mesha area. Two Arabs were arrested for attempting to set fire to the Mishmar Haemek forest.

Isolated shots were fired in and near Jaffa during the night, being in some cases returned by Police and Military. One Arab was admitted to hospital with a bullet wound in the thigh.

In the Jerusalem district a small demonstration of women passed off quietly.

When s.s. 'Richard Douchard' was nearing Jaffa this morning she was approached by four Arab launches, outside territorial waters, and bombs were thrown at the ship from the launches. The ship eventually proceeded to Tel-Aviv where she proceeded to discharge her cargo. The Arab launches have been seized by the Police and the headboatmen arrested.

As the result of the stoning of a convoy at Kafr Kama the Assistant District Commissioner and the D.D.S.P. proceeded to the village this afternoon with a party of Police and troops. The Assistant District Commissioner was stoned by the villagers and had to fire four revolver shots: no casualties resulted. Three arrests were made and the troops proceeded towards Rish Pinah. The A.D.C. and D.D.S.P. remained with police in order to search houses for offenders in the presence of Mukhtars. They were heavily stoned by women on house-tops, one British constable being badly injured, and were obliged to open fire, aiming over the heads of the women. The High Commissioner deeply regrets to announce that an Arab girl was hit by a Mukhtar's stray bullet and mortally wounded.

His Excellency the High Commissioner to day visited Nablus and inspected the Seaforth Highlanders.

24th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 69/36.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning the body of a Jew, with a bullet wound in the head, was found on the track between the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and Sheikh Jarrah. He appeared to have been shot during the night.

Disturbances occurred this morning in Gaza, where Arabs after destroying consignments of vegetables and damaging telegraph lines stoned the District Offices and the Police. The latter fired one round, and one man was killed.

26th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 70/36

Several bombs were thrown in Jaffa last night, and a number of shots fired in Jaffa and the neighbourhood during the night and morning. There were no casualties. Telephone and telegraph communications were interrupted in various places.

After the events at Gaza reported in this morning's communiqué, military re-inforcements were sent and order was restored.

In the Northern District, occasional shooting occurred in Galilee, in the Nablus and Jenin areas, at Neve Shaanan, and near Balad ash Sheikh.

The Nadi al Riadi Club at Nablus has been taken over by police and troops and closed.

An Arab was shot and seriously wounded in Tulkarm this morning. It is not known for certain how he was shot, but probably by a stray bullet fired by one of the townspeople.

A Jewish foreman of the Public Works Department at Majdal Krum, Acro, was stabbed and is not expected to recover.

A Palestinian constable was wounded by a shot which went off accidentally at Qaq'un.

This morning a police patrol detected Arabs grazing their flocks on Jewish pastures at Mesha near Mt. Tabor. Having made three arrests they were followed by a large crowd of hostile Arabs, many of whom were armed, who fired on the patrol. The patrol returned the fire. On the arrival of military reinforcements the Arabs were found to have dispersed. There were no casualties among troops or Police but it is believed that the Arabs suffered some losses.

No further incidents are reported from the Jerusalem District.

It was stated in this morning's communiqué No. 69/36 that the Jew who was found dead on the track between the Hebrew University and Sheikh Jarrah had been shot through the head. Further examination has shown that he was not shot, but that the wounds in the head which caused his death had been inflicted by a blunt instrument.

May 25th, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO: 71/36:

During the night and early morning a number of bombs were thrown in Jaffa, and there were several cases of firing at the police, and the police returning the fire. So far as is known, no injuries or damage resulted.

A large fire broke out in a Jewish timber-yard at Jaffa yesterday afternoon, and small ones during the night at Bet Vegan, Mizra and Rehovot. Some shots were fired at Bet Vegan settlement at night: no one was hurt.

The situation at Gaza is reported quiet.

No incidents are reported from the Jerusalem District.

In the Northern District a bomb exploded in Tulkarm, another at Nazareth, and a third at Safad. No damage was done. Shots were fired towards Beit Alpha settlement, on the hillside above Nablus, and on the outskirts of Haifa.

Curfew has been imposed, as from last night, at Safad and Gaza.

26th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUÉ, No. 72/36.

The situation throughout the country has been much quieter today, and no incidents have been reported since the issue of the last Official Communiqué.

26th May, 1936.

بلاغ رسمي رقم ٢٦/٧٢

الحالة اليوم في جميع أنحاء البلاد أكثر هدوءاً . ولم يرد
تباءً وقوع حوادث منذ صدور البلاغ الرسمي الأخير .

26th May, 1936.

٢٦ أيار سنة ١٩٣٦

הודעה רשמית מס. 72/36.

המצב בכל הארץ היה היום הרבה יותר שקט ולא נחשבו

ידיעות על מאורעות מאז נפרסמה ההודעה הרשמית האחרונה.

26 במאי, 1936.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 73/36.

Yesterday evening at Lydda a supernumerary Arab constable accidentally shot an Arab watchman who was on duty with him and the wounded man died in hospital this morning.

Again last night there was a good deal of firing, and some bomb-throwing in and near Jaffa, and in parts of the Northern District. No casualties or damage resulted.

At Jaffa some of the firing was directed against troops or police, who returned to fire. Shots were also fired at long range at Hatikva settlement, and the police replied.

An orange-packing shed at Petah Tikva was burnt down, and small fires occurred in orange-groves at Beit Dajan and Beit Lid.

In the Northern District shots were fired at Ain Harod, Hugim, Jabal Kanaan, Ain Hachoresh, Ramat Hakovesh, from Mt. Ebal, and at Acre police station. The police returned the fire in all cases.

Yatma, Iszim and Souha villages were searched; arms and ammunition were seized, and arrests made.

Patrols were fired on by snipers at two places on the Jerusalem-Nablus road, near Jerusalem and half way to Nablus.

A rumour appears to be current that a British soldier has been killed: this is untrue, no British soldier has been killed anywhere in the country.

There is also no basis whatever for a report from Cairo that a detachment of British police had been surrounded in the Beersheba Gaza district: this appears to be a revival of a rumour current a few days ago, in which there was never any truth.

27th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 74/36.

There is little to add to the last Communiqué.

It is reported that a bomb exploded in Hebron last night, without damage.

Harvested crops at Mitsba settlement were stolen during the night.

A demonstration at Jenin this morning dispersed quietly on the demand of the District Officer.

Arms and ammunition were seized at Kafr Mizr during a police search.

Police dogs working in connection with a case of tree-cutting at Aroub followed a trail to Beit Um, where two arrests were made.

27th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 75/36.

Jerusalem District.

The High Commissioner deeply regrets to announce that a British Police constable was shot and killed in the Old City this morning when walking quietly back from duty at St. Stephen's Gate.

Southern District.

The night was rather quieter at Jaffa. A few bombs were thrown; there was some scattered sniping in different parts of the town and one shot was fired at a patrol. No damage or injury was done.

Some trespassers on the railway line south of Khan Yunis were dispersed by shots by a military patrol.

Northern District.

Two bombs exploded harmlessly in Haifa, and one at Safad.

Two fires occurred in a forest near Achuzza.

It is reported from Tulkarm that orange groves were damaged at Yokhin and Kafr Zeev.

Four shots were fired at the Nazareth police station without effect.

Three persons were ~~slightly~~ wounded during a search for arms in Silat el Dahr.

A search was carried out at Beisan in the early morning, and a revolver confiscated.

A party of troops near Qubatia was fired on this morning, and returned the fire: two Arabs were killed and ~~four~~ wounded, one of them seriously.

28th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 76/36.

It is notified for general information that the Palestine Police Force is in possession of supplies of lachrymatory vapour for use, in certain contingencies, in the suppression of civil disorders.

This vapour is not lethal and is entirely harmless, producing no ill effects beyond a temporary disablement. Its employment can in no case cause permanent injury of any kind.

In authorising the use of this vapour should occasion arise, His Excellency the High Commissioner has been prompted by the desire to avoid, so far as possible, the necessity for employing measures for the preservation of law and order that might result in loss of life or serious injury.

28th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 77/35.

No incidents have been reported from the Jerusalem District or the Northern District since noon.

Shortly after mid-day an escorted lorry in which Jews were riding which was preceded by two other Jewish lorries was heavily stoned by an Arab crowd in King George's Avenue, Jaffa. The escort, having warned the crowd to disperse without effect, was forced to fire to protect the convoy, and one man in the crowd was mortally wounded.

A Jewish bus was fired on at Yezur at 3.45: no one was hurt.

28th May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 76/36.

A number of cases of bomb throwing and shooting, in some instances directed against the police, occurred in Jaffa during the night. The Police or Military replied. No casualties are reported.

Telephone lines were cut in several places near Lydda, and between Beersheba and Auja Hafir.

Shots were also fired at Katikva settlement, Kfar Saba, and Magdiel: no one was injured.

At Ramla a crowd stoned the military guard on the Post Office late last evening. After the warning the guard fired, inflicting several casualties. A bomb was thrown at the Post Office later, breaking some windows. Those responsible for organizing the demonstration have been arrested.

A military patrol on the Railway was attacked north of Ras al Ain by an armed band of Arabs on both sides of the line. The patrol returned their fire with a Lewis gun. The Arabs fled, having, it is believed, suffered several casualties.

In the Northern District explosions occurred or shots were fired at Beisan, Safed, Nazareth, Acre and Haifa. No damage was done, except the breaking of a few window panes at the District Commissioner's offices at Haifa. An Arab who had been seen carrying a bomb was found seriously injured on the Nazareth Road outside Haifa after the bomb had exploded.

Telephone wires were cut in five places and in the Samaria sub-district, and in Haifa Rural sub-district two small fires occurred.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to destroy a bridge between Rosh Pina and Safed.

No incidents are reported from Jerusalem District.

29th May, 1936.

Demonstrations were held at Jaffa, Ramle, Lydda and Hajdal soon after mid-day, and dispersed without incident.

A report of a concentration of Bedu in the South has proved to be untrue.

At Tulkerz 16 persons were arrested for taking part in an illegal assembly, and a small demonstration dispersed without the use of force.

Some of Mizpah settlement was attacked this morning, while harvesting their crops, by Arabs who set fire to a threshing machine. Police arrived and the Arabs made off. The fire was extinguished before it had done much damage.

A Jewish supernumerary policeman escorting Jews to Yachin graves was set upon by Arabs and stabbed in the hand. Investigations are proceeding.

A demonstration of some 200 youths at Acre was dispersed without fire and 10 of the leaders were arrested.

In the Jerusalem district, a police patrol was fired on but not hit on the Rasallah - Latrun Road, and this afternoon a Jewish bus was fired on while on its way from the Dead Sea to Jerusalem.

No other incidents have been reported.

29.5.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 60/35

Jerusalem District

A patrol escorting lorries of the Palestine Potash Co. was fired on last evening on the Jericho road when nearing Jerusalem. The Patrol pursued the assailants into the hills and wounded and captured one of them in possession of a rifle.

An armoured car on the Jericho road, and a patrol and a convoy on the Hebron road were also fired on. The fire was returned. There were no casualties.

Shots were fired during the night at Beit Safafa and Beit Hakarem. No one was hit.

Southern District

Three fires occurred during the night, destroying Jewish property.

Telephone wires were cut in two places.

There was considerable firing in Ramleh and bombs were thrown at the Assistant District Commissioner's house and the Post Office. No damage was done, and so far as is known no one was injured.

An armed band of villagers attacked the Jewish quarry plant at Majdal Yaba and after an engagement with the guards wrecked the plant.

Shots were fired at Kibutz Hamishar and one settler was wounded in the leg. A police went out and engaged the assailants, killing one Arab whose rifle was found beside the body.

Northern District

One bomb exploded during the night at Safad, and two shots were fired. The Police replied. There were no casualties.

Ten dunums of crops at Balfuriya were burnt, and shots were exchanged between the watchman and the incendiaries.

Fruit trees were uprooted at Migdal and shots exchanged.

Two culverts were damaged on the Jericho-Beisan road. Birya village was searched by the Police.

In Haifa Sub-District two small fires occurred, and one other, between Migdal and Kfar Hassidim, which destroyed a considerable quantity of corn.

100 dunums of Barley were damaged at Saffuriya village, and a number of orange trees were cut down near Hedera.

A demonstration was held at Acre yesterday afternoon which after dispersing quietly reassembled and had to be dispersed by force. Nineteen arrests were made.

30.5.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUÉ NO. 81/36.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Early this morning a police lorry manned by two British Constables was fired on by Arabs four miles south of Beersheba. The driver was wounded, not dangerously, and his companion brought the lorry into Beersheba. Search for the marauders continues.

JERUSALEM DISTRICT.

No incidents have been reported since the issue of this afternoon's Official Communiqué.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

During a search for arms at Aqraba in Nablus Sub-district, police and troops were fired on from the village and the hillsides, and returned the fire. One Arab was killed, and, so far as is known, two wounded.

The 19 persons arrested in yesterday's demonstration at Acre have been sentenced to 7 days imprisonment each.

Slight damage was done to the railway track between Beisan and Jisr Majamio.

In this afternoon's Communiqué (No. 80) 'Kibutz Hamishar' should read 'Kibutz Hamishgar' : and it should have been made clear that the attack on the quarry at Majdal Yaba took place during the night.

May 30th, 1936.

Jerusalem District.

A car patrol was twice fired upon last night between Hebron and Bahiriya, and returned the fire. There were no casualties.

A bomb was thrown haphazardly at a police patrol in Hebron.

There was some firing near Kelandia ~~xxx~~ during the night.

Northern District

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An explosion at Wadi Kishniya, Haifa, about 11 p.m., and an arrest was made. This morning a bomb exploded in the yard of a Jewish house in Haifa, and a number of Arab suspects were detained. A police patrol was fired on near Acre: the culprits were traced to Manshiya village and ten persons have been arrested on suspicion.

No incidents occurred in Nablus and Jenin sub-districts except two cases of the cutting of telephone wires.

In Tulkarm sub-district Police followed suspects to a house in Burj village. The Police were fired on, from the house and replied, shooting one man dead. A rifle and ammunition were seized.

Ammunition was also confiscated at Khirbeit Beit Lid.

In Beisan sub-district the army railway patrol was fired on and replied. There was some shooting outside Beisan during the night: there were no casualties.

Southern District.

Three bombs exploded in Jaffa during the night. The third of these was thrown from a point in the Old City from which also considerable sniping had been observed going on and when it exploded troops opened fire on that point.

A man was fatally wounded, and unfortunately in addition, a woman was killed and another young woman wounded.

A fire broke out in a timber yard at Tel-Aviv about 11 p.m. and did considerable damage: minor fires occurred at Manshiya, near Beit Dejan and at Hatikva. A few telephone wires were cut and a bomb did very slight damage to the railway line.

31st May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 83/36.

A Jew was shot at Givat Shaul, Jerusalem, in the early afternoon and died in hospital soon afterwards. The assailant ran away in the direction of Lifta. Investigations are proceeding.

A bomb was thrown in Jaffa this afternoon: no damage is reported. The village of Umm el Fahm in the Samaria division was searched for arms by the military this morning.

It was reported in Official Communiqué No. 81/36 of yesterday that there was an exchange of fire between police and troops and villagers of **Aqraba**. In addition to the casualties mentioned, it has now been ascertained that one other Arab was killed and one wounded.

The National Committee, Haolus, issued a manifesto yesterday deprecating lawlessness, expressing regret for certain acts of evil-doers, such as assaulting the police, cutting telephone wires, and destroying vegetables, and calling upon all reasonable persons to prevent such acts.

31st May, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 84/36

Southern District

A meeting at Masmiya Kabira yesterday afternoon was attended by 1500 people and passed off quietly.

A bomb was thrown in the Masmiya quarter at Jaffa, last evening; it did no damage.

During the night four Jewish hubs at Hativa were burnt shots being exchanged between the police and unknown persons; and a fire occurred in the Abu Kabir area.

A memorial service for those killed in the disturbances was held in the Orthodox Church Jaffa. It was largely attended by Christians and Moslems. A procession formed afterwards by a part of the congregation dispersed quietly at the Orthodox Club.

Jerusalem District

Some shots were fired in the Old City and the Nashashibi Quarter last night; and the Jaffa road patrol was fired on near Soreis pumping station. Two Jewish communists were arrested, and a house searched where.

Communist papers were found.

Northern District

A bomb was thrown at the Haifa Labour Exchange at Hadar HaCarmel, damaging a door; another exploded on the outskirts of Tulkarna and a third in a Jewish cellar at Tiberias; these did no damage.

A search was carried out at Nuris village.

1.6.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.85/36.

This afternoon shots were fired at a Jewish bus near Motza on the Jerusalem-Jaffa road, and one passenger was mortally wounded. .

Later another Jewish bus was fired upon between kilometres 3 and 4 on the same road, and two passengers were wounded.

On the Rehovoth road a Jewish bus was fired at early this afternoon and one passenger was injured by broken glass.

No incidents are reported from the Northern District.

1.6.1936.

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Later another Jewish bus was fired upon between kilometres 3 and 4 on the same road, and two passengers were wounded.

On the Rehovoth road a Jewish bus was fired at early this afternoon and one passenger was injured by broken glass.

No incidents are reported from the Northern District.

1.6.1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 86/36.

Northern District.

In Haifa sub-district two buses were fired on between Achuz and Mt. Carmel: no one was injured.

Shots were exchanged between unknown persons and a watchman near Kerkur, and a watchman at Ain Shemer was also fired.

Shots were fired from the hills between Nablus and Deir Sharaf. The Police carried out a search at Burqa.

In Tulkarm sub-district three bombs exploded on the outskirts of the town; and a considerable number of trees were destroyed at Even Yehuda, near Tel-Mond.

At Nazareth a bomb exploded in the police station, breaking some windows.

There was a crop fire at Tel-Adashim, and a hut was burnt near Yawdiel.

Jerusalem District.

A light engine was derailed on the Jerusalem Lydda line near Artuf. A few shots were fired during the night near Jerusalem, and at the Hebron District offices.

Southern District.

A bus was stoned and shot at in Ramle last evening; there were no casualties. Other shots were fired there during the night, and two bombs were thrown. No one was injured.

Shots were fired at the Shemen Soap factory at Rehovoth.

At Ben Shemen shots were exchanged between the police and several persons who were attempting to set a corn-field on fire. It is not known whether there were any casualties among the incendiaries; there were none among the police.

2nd June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 87/36.

A bomb was thrown in Gaza this morning,
which did no damage.

No incidents are reported from the Northern
or the Jerusalem District.

2nd June, 1936.

بلاغ رسمي رقم ٢٦/٨٧

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ولم يرد لها عن وقوع حوادث في اللوا الشمالي ولوا القدس .

٢ حزيران سنة ١٩٣٦

הודעה רשמית מס. 63/87.

הבקר נורקה פצצה בעזה שלא גרמה נזק.

לא נחקבלו ידיעות על מאורעות במחוז הצפון ובמחוז ירושלים.

2 ביוני, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 28/36

Southern District

Two bombs were thrown in Jaffa last night, doing no damage. A shot was fired at Beit Dajan police station, and another at the Ajami police billet; there were no casualties.

There was some shooting at Lydda during the night, and two bombs were thrown. There were no casualties or damage.

Shots were exchanged between unknown persons and police at Natikva. No one was injured.

Jerusalem District

Two culverts on the Habron Road were damaged by explosions during the night: shots were fired near Beit Safafa. What were thought to be shots heard from David Street in the Old city last evening proved on investigation to have been explosions of crackers.

Northorn District

Two bombs exploded on the Zene Road and one near Aere lighthouse. They did no damage.

A bomb exploded harmlessly at Tiborias, and there was some shooting at Mizpah settlement, to which the police replied.

In the Tulkarm sub-district a few shots were fired at Hadariya.

3rd. June, 1936

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 89/36.

Jerusalem District.

A demonstration took place at Bethlehem this morning which had to be dispersed by the Police. Two policemen were injured by stones. Four ringleaders of the demonstration were arrested.

Southern District.

At 2 p.m. today four Arabs entered a Jewish house in an orange grove near Beit Dajan. Two of them went upstairs where they found two Jews and asked for water. They then drew revolvers and shot the Jews, wounding both of them seriously. In a search of Beit Dajan which was made forthwith by troops accompanied by the Assistant District Commissioner and police five persons were arrested, including two answering to the description given of the assailants.

A fine of five hundred pounds has been imposed on Beit Dajan under the Collective Punishments Ordinance, and the produce on the threshing-floor of the village has been placed under attachment as a security.

There have been several cases of intimidation in Jaffa today scavengers being attacked and a café damaged. Some arrests have been made.

Northern District.

No incidents have been reported since the issue of this afternoon's communiqué.

Police rumours are current that British soldiers have been killed in encounter with armed gangs in or near Nablus. These rumours are entirely without foundation: no British soldier has lost his life at Nablus or anywhere else in Palestine during the present disorders.

3rd June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 90/35.

Southern District.

Telephone wires were cut in four places during the night.

A bomb exploded harmlessly outside the Municipal Offices at Gaza, and another, which did no damage, in a railway culvert near Khan Yunis.

Northern District.

At 9 o'clock last night a bomb was thrown into a bus at Haifa. Six Jews and two Arabs were injured, none of them seriously. One was kept in hospital.

A short time later a bomb exploded near the Post Office, breaking a few windows.

Three shots were fired at a Police patrol car near Athlit. The Police replied; and afterwards police and military searched the area, and also the villages of Ijzim and Jaba, where four persons were placed under arrest.

An Arab was arrested at Wadi Salem in possession of a revolver and ammunition.

A small bomb exploded at Acre, doing no damage.

In Jenin sub-district shots were exchanged between unknown persons and the police; and telephone wires were cut in two places.

In Nablus two bombs were thrown near the post office, and troops fired in reply; so far as is known there were no casualties. Some shots were fired at a temporary police post: no one was hit.

Shots were fired at Bet Alpha, the Hadassah School at Mt. Scopus and Wadi Isreal settlement, and the police replied in each case. No casualties are reported.

Considerable damage was done to an orange grove near Tel-Aviv.

Whilst Jewish labourers were ploughing near Hedera, three Arabs arrived, threatened them with revolvers, and stole two horses. Investigations are proceeding.

A false rumour at Tiberies caused a slight panic in the town. Two Jews were beaten. The police dispersed the crowd and made six arrests.

Jerusalem District.

No incidents are reported.

4th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 91/36.

No incidents are reported since this morning from the Northern District or the Jerusalem District.

Last night a motor traffic patrol was fired on between Beit Nakerem and Ain Karim and returned the fire. There were no casualties.

An attempt was made during the night to blow up a bridge between Nablus and Tulkarm.

In the Southern District a Beit Vegan bus was shot at from an orange grove on the outskirts of Jaffa. No one was hit. The police escort returned the fire.

4th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 94/36.

• Jerusalem District.

A culvert on the Ramallah Latrun road has been damaged by explosives.

Shots were fired during the night at Motzah and on the Hebron Beersheba Road.

Southern District

50 young men of the Terrabin tribe (Beersheba) met at Shalala yesterday and resolved to send a deputation to His Excellency the High Commissioner.

Two Jewish buses proceeding to Herzliya were fired on last night near the Auja Bridge. Police returned the fire. No casualties are reported.

At 1.20 a.m. a British and a Palestinian Constable whilst on patrol in the neighbourhood of the Shapiro Quarter, Jaffa, heard shots from the direction of a neighbouring orange-grove whither they went to investigate. They encountered two armed men whom they challenged; the police fired, wounding both men, who were found to be Jews and who were illegally armed with automatic pistols. The arms were confiscated together with spare magazines of ammunition which were found on the two men. The Police subsequently searched the house in which the wounded men had been living and found a loaded revolver, 2 bombs and some ammunition. The owner of the house has been arrested. The condition of the two wounded men is serious.

A haystack was burnt out a Meshok Saton last night and orange trees were damaged in a neighbouring grove, as well as in a grove north of Esdud.

Three shots were fired in Gaza last night and two bombs exploded: no damage was done.

Northern District.

A railway bridge on the Haifa-Lyddah line was damaged by explosives during the night. It is now being repaired.

Some hay was destroyed by fire at Tel Mania.

5th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO 94/36

After the mid-day prayer a crowd of some 300 persons assembled in the Ajami Square. Police and Military moved to the spot, and the crowd dispersed quietly.

There was a demonstration at Bourghaba which also dispersed quietly.

Some explosives were stolen from the Public Works Department store in Mt. Caspas. Police have taken the trail and the greater part was recovered, four arrests being made.

Other incidents are reported, since the issue of this official communiqué.

4.4.36.

Official Communiqué No. 94/36.

Southern District.

A military patrol trolley was fired at last night on the Jerusalem - Lydda railway, and returned the fire. No casualties are reported. Telephone wires were cut on the same railway. Shots were also ^{fired} shortly after midnight at the military guard on Lydda station. The guard returned the fire. No casualties are reported. A number of fir-trees were destroyed at Ben Shimon.

A Jewish watchman between Pishon le Zion and Ramle was shot and seriously wounded about midnight. Investigations are proceeding.

One of the Jews wounded the night before last in the Shapiro quarrel (see Official Communiqué No. 92/36) has died of his wounds.

In Gaza sub-district two bombs exploded, doing little or no damage. An armed gang is reported to have entered a Jewish orange grove near Yezur, firing at the watchman and destroying 200 trees. A bomb was thrown at BeerSheva post office. No damage resulted.

Jerusalem District.

A stone-crushing machine near Har Elias belonging to a Jew was destroyed last evening by a number of Arabs. A considerable number of shots were fired in and about Jerusalem during the night, principally on Mount Scopus. There were no casualties. Several telephone wires were also cut.

Northern District.

Shots were fired at an armoured car between Nablus and Beir Sharaf, and there was sporadic shooting near Tulkarm.

where also some telephone poles were damaged. At Haifa/ this morning after the arrest of three women for intimidation, large crowds gathered about the Railway station and King Faisal Square and stoned the Police and military sent to disperse them. After due warning the Police fired two shots. One Arab was mortally wounded. and another severely. Order was restored.

6.6.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 95/36

No incidents are reported from any District
since the issue of this afternoon's Official
Communique.

6.6.36.

بلاغ رسمي رقم ٩٥ / ٣٦

لم يرد نيا عن وقوع حوادث في أي من الأحياء المذكورة
الرسمية منذ نشر هذا البلاغ

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הודעה רשמית מס. 95/36.

לא נמסרו ידיעות על מאורעות מאז נמסרה ההודעה
הרשמית אחר הצהריים.

6 ביוני, 1936.

OFFICIAL COM. TEL. NO. 96/36.

Jerusalem District.

There was some firing during the night in Jerusalem and the neighbourhood, especially at Netiv, and on Mt. Scopus where 6 animals at the slaughter-house were injured.

Several arrests were made this morning for intimidating women members at Jaffa Gate.

Southern District.

Three bombs exploded harmlessly in Jaffa during the night.

In connection with the sounding of the Jewish siren near Bishon, the Zion reported in Official Communication No. 94/36 the wireless operators of the A.L.P. who had recently left a wine-shop at Bishon and who are stated to have been seen in altercation with the victim have been placed under arrest, and investigations are proceeding.

Northern District.

Two bombs were thrown in Beisan and one in Hama-roth. No damage was done.

An Arab boy was caught in the act of destroying almond trees at Bichron Jacob.

A bomb exploded harmlessly at Wadi Rushmiya. A police patrol was fired on near Zeeb, returning the fire; and shots were fired at Hedera without doing any injury.

7th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 37/36.

The following incidents occurred in the course of last night which were not included in this afternoon's Official Communiqué 9 No. 96/36).

In the Southern District a military patrol trolley was fired at on two occasions near Lydda, and returned the fire. There were no casualties so far as is known. A search was carried out by troops at Kijdi. Ten phone wires were cut south of Khan Yunis, and slight damage, which has been repaired was done to the railway by explosives.

In the Northern District 3 shots were fired in Nablus at the Police, who returned the fire. There were no casualties. A bomb exploded handily near the Municipality. 2000 orange grafts were destroyed near Kiska in Tulakrm Sub-District. 50 curfew breakers were arrested at Acre.

Since the issue of this afternoon's Communiqué no incidents have been reported from the Northern and Southern Districts.

In the Jerusalem district a lorry was fired on between Netza and Jerusalem about 8.45 this afternoon and at 8.50 a Jewish bus in a convoy was fired on in the same neighbourhood, one girl being severely wounded. The escort fired back.

The public is informed that there is no foundation whatever for the following three reports which have been published in certain Egyptian newspapers:- firstly that expanding bullets have been used by the Police or troops in Palestine; secondly that certain British soldiers have refused to obey their orders, and thirdly that 50 British soldiers have been killed and wounded. These reports are wholly and utterly false. No expanding bullets have been or will be used by the security forces of Palestine. No British soldier has hesitated to obey an order and no British soldier has been killed anywhere in Palestine since the beginning of the present disturbances.

7.6.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 98/36

Northern District.

About 200 persons remained in the Mosque at Acre after Curfew hours last night until 5 a.m. this morning, then they left in small parties. During the night crowds collected in the streets and had to be dispersed, 35 arrests being made for curfew-breaking.

A bomb exploded harmlessly at Ballad esh Sheikh.

Some telephone wires were cut in Haifa sub-district.

A few shots were fired on the police post at Nablus and the military ballet at Jenin; and the fire was returned. There were no casualties.

A search was made at Luby in Tiberias sub-district; two rifles and two revolvers were confiscated and the owners arrested.

Southern District.

Hutikva Settlement was again fired at last night. The police returned the fire and silenced the snipers.

800 orange trees were uprooted in a Jewish grove near Safsaf.

One bomb was thrown in Jaffa during the night, two more at Beersheba, and four at Gaza. No damage resulted.

Two military guards on the railway were fired at but not hit.

This morning a crowd of some 500 people at Jaffa was dispersed by the police. No shots were fired. Two of the crowd received minor injuries.

The police also dispersed a crowd of boys who were attempting to intimidate hawkers.

Jerusalem District

As a result of the firing on the convoy on the Jerusalem-Jaffa Road mentioned in last night's Official Communiqué, a party of troops was sent out to join the Jaffa Road military patrol, and shots were exchanged with bandits firing from both sides of the road. One British soldier was wounded in the leg. It is

believed that,

believed that casualties were inflicted on the bandits. Eventually the bandits were driven off. Troops remained on the scene until 10.30 p.m. when they were withdrawn.

Early this morning Lifta village was searched by the military.

Shortly before 10 o'clock last night fire broke out in a timber yard in the Commercial Quarter, Jerusalem, and the whole of the timber was destroyed.

Shots were fired during the night and replied to by the Police at Beit Hakerem, the Nashashibi Quarter, Mt. Scopus, Motza, Ramat Rahel and Kolonia; no casualties are reported.

The railway patrol on the Jerusalem-Lybia and the military billet in Hebron were also fired on and returned the fire; so far as is known no one was hit.

An outrage was perpetrated this morning soon after 6 o'clock, when a bomb exploded inside the Jaffa gate where a number of people, Arabs and also Armenians were gathered. One woman was dangerously hurt, eight persons severely, and sixteen others were treated for minor injuries.

8th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 99/36

Northern District.

There is nothing to report since the 2.30 p.m. communiqué.

Southern District.

A Jewish bus was fired at near Yehud village this morning. A patrol went to investigate and found some unused rifles and ammunition, and truck was being followed up.

A bomb was thrown carelessly at a Police patrol car near Beit Yehon.

At Al Faditha a man who was making a bomb was severely injured by its premature explosion.

Jerusalem District.

This afternoon at Mahne Yehoud a lorry load of vegetables which a Jewish merchant had bought from an Arab was destroyed. One Arab was killed.

Two arrests have been made in connection with the bomb outrage at Jaffa Gate this morning.

In virtue of Emergency Regulations No. (12) the use of the telephone service for international trunk calls has been restricted to certain persons who have been notified accordingly by the Postmaster General. This restriction came into force at 7.30 p.m. today.

A statement has appeared in the Arabic Press which suggests that His Excellency the High Commissioner is prepared to suspend immigration. This suggestion is devoid of foundation.

8th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 100/36.

Jerusalem District.

An Arab was arrested yesterday afternoon at Hev Shuman in possession of an automatic and ammunition.

A stack of timber in St. Paul's Road Jerusalem was set on fire early last evening. The fire was extinguished by the Police and did little damage.

A convoy was heavily fired on on the Jericho Road last night. Police patrols were sent out and engaged the snipers. The High Commissioner regrets to announce that a Palestinian constable was shot through the head by one of the snipers and killed.

Sporadic shooting occurred near Bivat Shaul am. Heve Yacov; and two bombs exploded in Bethlehem, doing no damage.

An Arab wounded by yesterday's bomb outrage near the Jaffa Gate died in hospital this morning.

Southern District.

Another Jewish bus was fired on near Yezur last evening; no one was injured.

Shots were also fired at Ben Shimon Settlement, police and troops returning the fire, and into a house at Tel-Aviv. There were no casualties.

A bomb exploded in Gaza, and two carside Beersheba. No damage was done.

Shots were fired by a band of Arabs in an olive grove near Lydda at one of a military patrol. He returned the fire and one of the Arabs is believed to have been wounded.

Northern District.

Shots were exchanged between armed bands and troops on the Hahlab-Tulkarm Road last night. There were no casualties so far as is known.

A small demonstration occurred at Acre this morning, with stone-throwing and intimidation of shop keepers: it was dispersed by the Police.

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There was considerable firing east of Tulkarm; also without casualties so far as is known.

Arab cross were fired at Khirbat Bat Lid, and Jerich Bay at Tel Hania. At the latter place the police were shot at, and replied.

Shots were fired on the S-Idd-FashPanna road at a military patrol, which returned the fire; and the watchman at the Kado-ric school Mr. Tuber exchanged shots with unknown persons. So far as is known, no one was hit.

15th June, 1946.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 101/36.

Another Arab died this afternoon from injuries received yesterday morning from the bomb which was thrown near the Jaffa Gate, Jerusalem.

The Arab Constable who was shot last night by bandits on the Jericho road was buried at Beisan this afternoon. The District Officer the Assistant Superintendent of Police and a detachment of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force were present at the funeral.

A fire broke out in Balfour Forest this afternoon and destroyed about 1000 trees. A bomb exploded harmlessly in the April quarter of Jaffa, near the Swimming Club.

A military trolley patrol sighted a party of Arabs in the night near the railway in the neighbourhood of Majdal, and ordered them to halt. Instead of doing so they approached the patrol which fired, wounding one Arab in the leg. The Arabs proved to be unarmed and the patrol took the wounded man with them to Gaza Hospital.

The following arrests have been made since April 19 on charges arising out of the present disturbances, excluding those made for offences under the Curfew Regulations:-

1513 Arabs have been arrested, of whom 754 have been convicted, 226 acquitted, and 533 are awaiting trial:

182 Jews have been arrested, of whom 104 have been convicted, 17 acquitted and 61 are awaiting trial.

British troops in Palestine have been reinforced by the 1st Battalion The York and Lancaster Regiment, which arrived yesterday; and the 2nd Battalion The Cheshire Regiment, which arrived today.

In the report of shooting at a bus near Yasar village in Official Communiqué No. 99/36 it should have been stated that the incident took place in the afternoon and not in the morning, and that only rifle ammunition and not rifles and ammunition was found on the scene.

23d June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 102/36

Southern District.

Last evening some railway sleepers on the loop line near Beit Nabala were found to have been set on fire. The fire was quickly extinguished.

During the night a bomb was thrown on the borders of Jaffa and Tel-Aviv, and another into a Jewish pumping shed on the outskirts of Tel-Aviv. No damage was done.

A Jewish bus was fired at in Yaxur village this morning. No one was hurt. An unarmed British Constable was stabbed in the back near Ajami Police station this morning. The wound is not serious.

A small fire occurred in the Manshiya area of Jaffa early this morning.

Bombs exploded at Gaza and at Beersheba: one of the latter damaged a room in the Rest-house.

Jerusalem District.

Shots were fired during the evening and night at Kfar Etsion settlement at Motza and in the direction of Mekor Haim from Beit El. The police returned the fire. No casualties are known.

A demonstration occurred at Hebron last evening during the funeral of one of the victims of the Jaffa Gate bomb outrage. The crowd stoned the police and had to be dispersed by a baton charge. Five persons were injured, one of them seriously.

This morning a crowd of Jews at Mahne Yehuda again destroyed a consignment of vegetables bought by a Jew from an Arab, and had to be dispersed with batons. No injuries are reported.

Northern District.

A few shots were fired at Nabulus Barracks during the night.

There was considerable shooting in the Ain Harod and Mahogin neighbourhood. A car belonging to Kfar Yeheskiel was shot at near Ain Harod station and one of the occupants wounded. Shots were also fired at a railway patrol on the Beisan line. Police and troops engaged the marauders who eventually broke up and withdrew to the Jenin hills, having, it is believed, suffered several casualties. Telephone wires were cut in the same neighbourhood.

A German settler at Beit Lahar was stabbed by an Arab labourer, who was arrested.

An Arab with two bombs was arrested in Haifa.

A bomb exploded at Safad, slightly injuring a woman.

A large number of vines were destroyed in the Bornstein vineyard at Zichron Yaakov.

A small fire occurred in the Haifa suk.

10th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 103/36.

Jerusalem District.

Two rifles and twenty rounds of ammunition were discovered during a search of Beit Ikse, near Jerusalem.

A bottle of lighted benzine was thrown into a Jewish taxi outside the King David Hotel this evening and somewhat damaged the cushions. An arrest was made.

Four arrests have been made in Jerusalem for intimidation.

It is reported that several Police constables were slightly injured by stones during the demonstration which occurred at Hebron last evening: none was detained in hospital. Rumours of further trouble in Hebron today are quite unfounded.

A bomb exploded harmlessly at Beersheba this morning: one of those thrown last night damaged a room in the Custom-house.

No incidents are reported from the Northern or the Southern District.

10th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 104/36

Jerusalem District.

Shots were fired at Kalhnia between 11 and 12 last night; watchman returned the fire and drove off the assailants. Shooting was renewed two hours later and returned by police and armoured cars. There were no known casualties.

Shots were fired at the Hebron car patrol and at troops in Hebron. The fire was returned. There were no known casualties.

A Jewish house at Jericho was burnt during the night: 4 arrests were made.

A bridge on the Hebron road was damaged by explosives: communications are not interrupted, and the bridge is being repaired.

Southern District.

A bomb exploded about 10 p.m. at the entrance to Bet Vagan settlement: firing no damage. Later shots were fired and replied to. Two more bombs exploded, and firing was renewed. Police and a military patrol replied. There were no casualties among the police, the military or the settlers.

Shots were fired during the night at Tel Litwinsky, and in the old city of Jaffa. Military guards were fired at Lydda and Ramle, and a railway patrol between Ram el Ain and Qulgiliya. The shots were returned. There were no military casualties. A bomb exploded on the railway south of Ram Yunis, and another on the Auja road near Beersheba. ~~xxxxxx~~ Little damage was done and no one was hurt.

Telephone lines were cut near Esdud.

Northern District.

Telephone lines were cut in several places in the Tulkarm and Nablus neighbourhood, and shots were fired at telephone linesmen, wounding one of them. Part of the rail was removed from the railway line.

An army patrol was fired on at Deir Sharaf and replied with machine gun fire: there were no casualties.

An extensive fire broke out in Mishmar Haemek Forest yesterday afternoon. At Yafa village a threshing floor was burnt. A bomb exploded in an Arab shop at Haifa last evening and broke a few windows: an hour later an Arab was arrested in possession of a similar bomb.

Armed gangs of Arabs fired on Shatta and Ain Harod Settlements.

Police returned the fire and saw one wounded Arab carried away. There were no casualties among Police or settlers.

14th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 105/36

Southern District.

A bomb was thrown this morning at a Jewish lorry on the Jerusalem road near Jaffa, and a girl was slightly injured by broken glass.

An Arab who was searched on the same road, also near Jaffa, was found to be in possession of an automatic pistol and ammunition, and was arrested.

At 5 a.m. a fire destroyed three wooden huts on a Jewish farm near Ramla. Five Arab shepherds were arrested.

Northern District.

As a result of a Jewish bus being stoned by Arabs at Yazar, one passenger seriously injured, a fight occurred between Arabs and Jewish labourers at the Nesher Cement works. Two Jews and one Arab were injured.

Crops at Sedjera were set on fire by a lorry driver who has been arrested.

This afternoon 10 shots were fired at a car between Nablus and Tulkarm. No one was hurt. Later a convoy was fired on at the same spot. Police and military have proceeded to the spot.

Jerusalem District

A suicide man was found yesterday by a military patrol near Ramallah, who is believed to be one of the assassins who were engaged with police and troops on the Jaffa road near Netza on June 8th.

11th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 106/36.

Jerusalem District.

At about 8 p.m. a squib was thrown from the city wall near Herod's Gate: it exploded without doing any damage.

Between 10 p.m. and midnight there was considerable firing on police and military at Hebron from the hill-side. Both returned the fire. There is evidence that one at least of the marauders was wounded. The police and military suffered no casualties.

Two shots were fired on Kalandia Colony, hitting no one.

Telephone wires were cut on the Nablus and Hebron road.

Shortly before noon today an attempt was made on the life of Inspector Sigrist, who, accompanied by a British constable, was driving his car between St. Stephen's Gate and Herod's Gate. When Inspector Sigrist was passing the Museum two men concealed below the level of the road stepped up and emptied their automatic pistols in the car. Inspector Sigrist received bullet wounds in the chest (superficial) and in the shoulder, and the British Constable a slight wound in the neck.

The British Constable drew his revolver and shot one of the assailants through the chest. This man is in custody and it is not expected that he will recover. The other assailant made off and the Police are searching for him.

Southern District.

Yesterday afternoon a bomb exploded on the railway near Yebna: it damaged one sleeper.

Last evening a constable searching an Arab between Rishpan and Herzliya found on him a rifle-bolt and several rounds of ammunition: more rifle parts and ammunition were found in his house.

Some shots were fired during the night near the border between Manshiya and Tel-Aviv; 2 shots were fired at a police patrol on the Hilwa road in Jaffa, and the police replied; a few shots were fired at the military guard on Lydda Station, and the guard replied; some shots were fired in the Bassa area (Jaffa); 2 shots were fired at Ben Shemen, and the police replied. There were no casualties in connection with these incidents.

A bomb exploded near Gaza station, doing practically no damage: another exploded in a Police Inspector's house at Majdal; no one was injured.

Northern District.

A bomb exploded last evening near the house at Haifa used as a Naval Club; it broke a few windows but did no other damage.

At Acre two bombs were thrown at a Police patrol, and exploded harmlessly; and two other bombs also exploded without damage. During the night shots were fired at Sedjera and Migdal, at a patrol at Tiberias, and at the District Supt. of Police's house in Nazareth. There were no casualties.

An Arab of Jubla was arrested in possession of twenty-four rounds of rifle ammunition.

12th June, 1936.

Jerusalem District.

One of Assistant Superintendent Sigrist's assailants died of his wounds soon after mid-day.

Two other Arabs have been detained on suspicion of being concerned in this crime.

Mr. Sigrist's condition is satisfactory.

A Jewish bus was fired on this afternoon on the Ramallah Road and two occupants wounded.

Early this morning two rails were found to have been removed on the Lydda-Jerusalem Line, and were replaced.

Two Arabs have been arrested in possession of explosives.

Northern District.

As the Haifa-Lydda train was about to leave Qalqilya Station this morning a bomb placed by an Arab in the middle of a third class carriage in which a number of Jews were travelling exploded. This dastardly act caused injuries to eighteen Jews, which in two cases are dangerous. Police investigations are being pursued with all vigour.

Three bombs were seized in an Arab house at Haifa last night.

Two bombs exploded harmlessly near Nablus post Office.

Shots were exchanged in the night between unknown persons and military patrols between Nablus, Jen'in and so far as is known there were no casualties.

The main road was blocked and telegraph lines cut in the same neighbourhood, and wires were also cut south of Nablus.

Southern District.

A Jewish bus was fired on, but not hit, at Beit Dajan.

An Arab has been detained on suspicion.

12th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.108/36.

Jerusalem District.

An Arab was arrested last evening near Sinjil in possession of a rifle, ammunition, and gunpowder.

A bridge between Hebron and Beit Jibrin was damaged by explosives.

A military patrol was fired at on two occasions half way between Jerusalem and Nablus and returned the fire with machine guns; there were no known casualties.

Shots were fired from a distance at the train between Dier es Sheikh and Bittir without effect.

A few shots were fired in the neighbourhood of Motza and of the military camp at Abu Tor.

Three Palestinian constables were attacked by a crowd at Pethlehem this morning. They fired and wounded one Arab in the leg.

Southern District.

During the night there was some shooting near Lydda Station, at Kfar A. Gur, and Pardess Katz, and at patrols near Ras el Ain and near Lujja Bridge. There were no casualties. A small fire occurred at Jaffa Station, damaging a few bales of cotton.

A patrol trolley was derailed between Artuf and Wadi Surar, where a rail had been removed. No one was injured. Some sleepers were burnt on the railway north of Lydda.

A Supernumerary Constable was attacked in the Hilwe quarter of Jaffa by a number of persons one of whom threatened him with a dagger. He fired to disperse the crowd. There were no casualties. One arrest was made.

An Arab with a bomb and fuses was arrested this morning near the District Commissioner's house.

A military patrol was fired at this morning near Haditha. They returned the fire and afterwards found some rifle ammunition.

Bombs were thrown in and near Gaza during the night: no damage was done.

Northern District.

Fire broke out last night in the Government forest near Isfiya, and was extinguished by the Police with the help of the villagers.

The railings of the Athlit Salt works were set alight early this morning: the fire was promptly put out.

Shots were fired at Kfar Yehezkiel, Tel Yosef, and Hugim Settlement, and from the hills near Tiberias;

A bomb exploded harmlessly in a Jewish house at Tiberias.

Three dunums of crops were burnt at Balfouriya.

13th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 109/56.

In addition to those injured in the Qalqilya bomb outrage mentioned in yesterday's communiqué two Indian Moslems have received treatment as out-patients at the Government Hospital Jerusalem for minor injuries..

The Arab reported in this morning's communiqué to have been wounded in the leg in the course of the disturbance in Bethlehem died in hospital early this afternoon.

Further reports from the Northern and Southern Districts of disturbances during the night are as follows: Shots were fired during the night at Pardess Lifshitz, to which police and soldiers replied: a bridge on the Hebron BeerSheva road was blown up; and eighty dunams of melon near Kfar Yona were destroyed. A Syrian watchman near Hedera who ran away when challenged by a party of military in an orange grove was wounded by two shots.

A military patrol operating near Burqa north-west of Haifa was fired on by a party of Arabs numbering about 30. The patrol returned the fire, wounding ~~two~~ ^{one} of their assailants, ~~from whom~~ ^{whom} they captured, with his rifle, and took to Haifa his rifle. There were no military casualties.

15th June, 1956.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 110/36.

Jerusalem District.

Last evening the Lydda-Jerusalem train was fired on by an armed band of Arabs near Bittir. No one was hit. The escort returned the fire.

Between 9 and 10 p.m. shots were fired at Nave Yakoub settlements, as well as at Mekor Haim and Ramat Rachel, and police were sent out to the two former places. Shots were also fired at the troops at Hebron. There were no casualties.

This morning a Palestine Potash Convoy was held up by a block on the Jericho-Jerusalem Road and was then fired on, three persons being slightly injured. The assailants were engaged by a police patrol.

Two Jews were arrested in possession of communist literature.

A Jewish lorry was fired on near Motza this morning: the relief driver was seriously wounded and another person slightly. A party of police with Lewis gun at once proceeded to the scene.

Southern District.

Bombs were thrown during the night in Jaffa, Ben Shimon and Gaza and Beersheba, doing no damage. Shots were fired in Jaffa, and at Beit Vegan and Tel Litwinsky, police and troops replying. There were no casualties so far as is known.

A trolley was derailed on the Lydda-Jaffa line through a rail being removed. No one was injured.

There were two slight casualties among a crowd at Jaffa which had refused to move on the order of a Curfew patrol.

A band of Arabs with sticks broke into a store at Majdal last evening and destroyed the goods in it.

Northern District.

An Arab with a bomb was arrested at Hadar Hacarmel.

Shots were fired at Givat Ada settlement: no one was hit.

In the Galilee Division shots were fired at Melchamia, Majdal, and Mizpah. The police returned the fire in each case. There were no casualties so far as is known.

The body of an Arab, believed to be one of those engaged in the ~~xxxxxx~~ encounter with troops reported in yesterday evening's communiqué has been found near Burqa, and another wounded man has been brought in to Nablus from the same region.

Shots were exchanged between unknown persons and a military patrol near Jenin. So far as is known there were no casualties.

A number of orange trees were destroyed at Yachin settlement.

A fire in the Government forest on the Majdal road was put out immediately.

Slight damage by explosives was done to a railway bridge near Beisan, and is being repaired.

A railway patrol was fired on north of Beisan and returned the fire. There were no casualties.

Telephone wires were cut near Acro, in Nablus, and in the neighbourhood of Nazareth.

14th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.111/36

Jerusalem District

Stones were thrown at a Jewish bus near Karm el Mufti this afternoon: no one was hit.

Northern District.

An Arab was arrested in Haifa Port this morning in possession of two automatic pistols and ammunition.

Southern District.

A Jewish lorry was stoned this afternoon near Ramle and two of the occupants slightly injured.

Telephone poles and wires were damaged at Lydda town.

There was some stone-throwing during a military search at Majdal yesterday and three arrests were made.

A demonstration occurred after the troops had left and six arrests were made.

14th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 112/36

Jerusalem District.

A Jewish bus was fired at on the Jerusalem-Jaffa road yesterday afternoon: there were no casualties.

During the night shots were fired at Kalandia, Arza Sanatorium and Beit Hakerem: and shots were exchanged between police and unknown persons who were beginning to destroy trees at Kfar Etzion.

In the Schneller Quarter of Jerusalem a stone-crusher was burnt by four armed Arabs. Police and military are following up clues. Fire was also set to a stone-crusher at Sanhedria, Mt. Scopus, but was extinguished in time.

A Mills bomb, which failed to explode, was found rolling among a gathering of Jews near the Citadel this morning. Contrary to rumour, no arrests have yet been made.

There is no truth in the rumour which is being circulated in Jerusalem that the man who was shot dead at the time of the attempted murder of Asst. Supt. Sigrist was not one of the would-be assassins. There is no doubt he discharged a pistol at Mr. Sigrist and that he was shot at point blank range from the car - and actually through the windscreen - immediately after he had fired at Mr. Sigrist.

Northern District.

A bomb, which did no damage, was thrown at the Carmel Court Hotel Haifa, last evening. An Arab in hiding near by was arrested; and another Arab with a bomb was arrested later. A bomb was thrown into a house at Nesher Yajur but did not explode.

Watchmen surprised six armed Arabs in Mishmar Haemek Forest and exchanged shots with them.

Shots were fired before and after midnight at Acre Police Station: the police replied with rifle and Lewis gun fire. There were no known casualties.

There was considerable firing during the night on the road south of Jenin and between troops and unknown assailants.

Two Jewish drivers and one Seaforth Highlander were slightly wounded: the assailants are believed to have suffered casualties.

Shots were also fired at troops between Nablus and Deir Sharaf. There were no casualties so far as is known.

Southern District.

A fight which took place in the Karm el Zeitun Quarter of Jaffa last evening between Moslem and Christian Arabs in which two of the latter were injured, one seriously, is believed to have arisen out of an ordinary dispute.

A bomb thrown into the British Police billet at Ajami failed to explode.

A few shots were fired during the night at Beit Vegan, Pardosa Katz and Kfar Sava settlements. No one was hit.

Two cars of the Palestine Electric Corporation were fired at on the main road between Jaffa and Ramle. The fire was returned. There were no casualties.

100 dunams of orange-trees were damaged in a Jewish grove near Rantia village. The Arab watchman and his brother had been tied up and beaten by a number of Arabs, who also burnt the watchman's hut.

The present form of curfew pass in Jaffa ceases to-day to be valid. New passes, which will bear the holder's photograph, should be applied for.

15th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 113/36

Jerusalem District.

There is nothing to report.

Southern District.

Four bombs exploded during the night in and near Gaza. They did practically no damage.

A small fire in the Suk al Yahud, Jaffa, was extinguished by the police.

In a quarrel between two Arabs at Yebna one of them was killed. The other has been arrested.

A small section of the Jerusalem Water Supply was blown up near Latroun this morning.

According to a later report, the bomb at Ajami police billet which in this afternoon's communiqué was said not to have exploded, did in fact explode when a British corporal picked it up to take out the fuse. He was slightly burnt on both hands, but not otherwise injured.

Northern District.

200 orange trees were destroyed last night at Tel Mond and an electric pump was damaged. Shots were exchanged between the marauders and the watchmen.

A British soldier was slightly wounded in an encounter between troops and armed Arabs between Tulkarm and Qaqun during the night: the assailants are believed to have suffered casualties.

15th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 114/36.

16th June, 1936.

Jerusalem District.

One shot was fired ineffectually at a Police patrol near the Damascus Gate last night.

At about 10 o'clock seven shots were fired at the military guard on the broadcast transmitting station at Ramallah: the guard returned the fire.

Telephone wires were cut north of Ramallah and south of Bethlehem.

Two persons have been detained on suspicion in connexion with the bomb throwing near the Citadel yesterday morning.

Southern District.

A number of shots were fired during the night at Beit Vegan and Hatikva. Police and troops returned the fire. There were no known casualties.

There was also some firing at Givat Arish and Kfar Azur. No one was hurt.

Lydda Air Port was heavily fired on during the night, and two lorries and a store house were burnt. Police and military are investigating.

The Railway line near Ras el Ain and near Gaza was slightly damaged by explosives.

Northern District.

An Arab was arrested near the Endor Cinema at Haifa with a bottle bomb. His house was searched and in it were found a box of nails explosives, and a fuse.

Shots were fired at intervals between 10 p.m. and midnight from the Tiberias hills in the direction of the town; the military replying with machine-gun fire. There were no casualties, so far as is known.

A few shots were also fired at Jisr el Majamie: the Police replied. There were no known casualties.

In the Nablus Sub-District a military patrol was fired at between Nablus and Deir Sharaf, and shots were also fired at the Post Office and the Riadi Club. Military and Police returned the fire. So far as is known there were no casualties.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.115/36.

The Government is about to initiate a scheme for opening up and improving the Old City of Jaffa by the construction of two roads, to the benefit both of that quarter and of the town as a whole.

The first steps necessary will be the demolition and clearance of certain existing buildings, which are congested and insanitary, and advantage is being taken of the presence in Palestine of Royal Engineers to begin these operations.

The Government will pay compensation to property owners, individual cases being considered on their merits.

The process of demolition will start on Wednesday June 17, and the inhabitants of buildings that will be affected are being duly warned to evacuate them: they are required in their own interest implicitly to obey this warning.

This preliminary work of demolition will be punctuated by frequent detonations and crashes of falling masonry, and residents of Jaffa, Tel Aviv, and the neighbourhood should not be surprised, misled, or alarmed when they hear these noises. Householders within the Old City and within a radius of a quarter of a mile of the Old City are advised to keep their windows open in order that the glass may not be broken by the detonations.

16th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 116/36

Northern District

Two thousand orange and grape-fruit trees were destroyed last night at Kfar Yona. Clues are being followed up by police and military.

An Arab was arrested at Ras en Naqura Customs post in possession of an automatic pistol and ammunition.

No incidents are reported from the Jerusalem or the Southern District.

16.6.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 117/36

With reference to this afternoon's Official Communiqué No. 115/36, the demolition of buildings in the old city Jaffa, which, as dwellers in those buildings have been warned, was to have begun tomorrow, has been postponed until Thursday the 18th. It was discovered that the alignment proposed for one of the new roads which are to be made would have interfered with a Mosque, and a realignment is therefore being made.

16.6.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.118/361

Jerusalem District.

Yesterday evening in Jerusalem an unexploded Mills bomb was found in Abyssinian Street.

Early this morning two private cars which had been left out for the night in the Mamilla Road were set on fire. Slight damage was done.

During the night there was heavy firing on the Motza Sanatorium to which the Military replied. A few shots were also fired on Mekor Chayim and from the direction of Lifta. There were no casualties.

Southern District.

At 9 p.m. last night a Police Patrol was fired on from a roadside rifle pit near Rantia Village. The Police replied, killing one Arab. Others are believed to have been wounded. There were no Police Casualties.

During the night a bomb exploded harmlessly under a railway bridge near Safiriya on the Jerusalem - Jaffa line. Shots were fired on a ganger's hut near Deir el Belah where also the telephone wires were cut.

Four bombs were thrown in Geze without doing damage. Shots were fired at the British Police Billet at Ramleh; near Tel Litvinsky; and at Kfar Azar. In each case the Police replied. There were no Police casualties.

Near Kubeibe village a Jewish orange packing shed was . . . burned and near Agar village 400 orange trees were destroyed in a Jewish grove.

Northern District.

During the night there were several exchanges of shots in the Tulkarm Sub-District and a Railway patrol was fired on near Qalqilya. Shots were also fired near Geve and in the Mishmar-Haemek forest where a clash occurred between the gheffirs and armed Arabs. No casualties are reported from any of these incidents.

In Haifa Communist pamphlets addressed to the British Troops in English were found in the town and in the Railway Workshops.

17th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO 119/36

Jerusalem District

The relief driver of the Jewish lorry who was seriously wounded near Motza on June 14th (See Official Communiqué No. 110/36) died of his wounds yesterday.

Southern District

Three huts were destroyed by fire in an Arab orange grove near Sarona this afternoon.

Northern District

An Arab was arrested in Habbus this morning in possession of a revolver and ammunition.

The last two lorries of the south-bound convoy from Affule were fired at this afternoon near Silat-el-Dahr. The escort returned the fire. There were no casualties.

Dannaba was searched by police and military this morning : 27 persons were arrested in connexion with the destruction of citrus trees at Kfar Yona.

The Syrian watchman who was wounded near Hodera on June 13th (See Official Communiqué No. 109/36) died in hospital at Haifa this morning.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 120/36

Those families of the Old City of Jaffa whose houses are to be . demolished in connection with the construction of roads, and who have difficulty in finding accommodation elsewhere, can upon application to the District Commissioner be provided temporarily with separate rooms for each family in the Boy's Secondary School in Jaffa, and if further accommodations be needed in the Girl's Schools.

In addition in recognition of the inconvenience caused them, families who have been obliged to evacuate their houses in the Old City will be paid for one week/ⁿspecial compensatory allowance of 20 ~~sh~~ per head per day.

17th. June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 121/36

Jerusalem District.

A squib exploded harmlessly outside the East Hotel last evening. Telephone wires were cut between Jerusalem and Jericho.

A passenger train was fired at between Deir el Sheikh and ... the military guard replied. A few shots were fired at Bethlehem Police Station, and also at Mekhor Hayim, police and watchmen returning the fire. There were no casualties in these incidents, so far as is known.

Southern District.

There was a certain amount of shooting after midnight near Tel Liwinsky and Kfar Azar. There were no casualties. Some small wooden sheds at Lydda Air Port were destroyed by fire. Shots were exchanged between railway patrols and unknown persons north of Lydda and near Artuf.

Platelayers working on the line south of Ramle reported that they were fired on by a band of Arabs. They were not hit.

Northern District.

Shots were exchanged between the Military and armen men between Jenin and Silat el Dahr; and police returned the fire of unknown persons near Kalmonia.. There were no known casualties.

Telephone lines were cut near Silat el Dahr and Khan Labban.

Orange trees were destroyed the night before last at Gan Shlomo B, and vines last night near Zichron Yakov.

Two bombs exploded at the Municipal building at Haifa, breaking some windows, slightly damaging the walls, and causing minor injuries to an Arab watchman.

Shots were fired during the night at Menahemiya Settlement, Golan, and Jebel Kanaan, and the police returned the fire. No casualties resulted so far as is known.

A bomb exploded on a window-sill of the Anglo-Palestine Bank at Tiberias. It broke the window but did no other damage.

A small crop-fire at Mesha was quickly extinguished by the Police.

18th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 122/36.

Jerusalem District.

A mounted patrol arrested an Arab this afternoon in Jerusalem rural district in possession of a large quantity of rifle ammunition.

One of the two occupants of the Jewish bus who were wounded when it was fired on last Friday between Ramallah and Jerusalem (see official communiqué No. 107/36) died of his wounds this morning.

Southern District

The clearance of houses in the Old City of Jaffa to make way for new roads has proceeded without incident.

A bomb was thrown at a bus near Yezur this afternoon. One Jewish passenger was killed and two injured, one of them seriously.

Northern District

In connexion with a case of telephone wire-cutting, police dogs followed a trail to a house at Yetma where a wire-cutting implement was found; ammunition was discovered in another house; and 34 arrests were made.

A fire in a straw stack at Hoshn Settlement was extinguished by police and settlers.

An Arab shot himself accidentally with an automatic pistol he said he had picked up, and was taken to Haifa hospital in a serious condition.

A considerable number of orange trees are reported to have been destroyed in a Jewish grove near Gan Berman, and others in an Arab grove at Qalqiliya.

18th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.123/36.

Jerusalem District.

A n obstruction was observed on the Lydda Jerusalem line last evening and removed.

A few shots were fired at Michor Chayim from Mar Elias.

Telephone wires were cut between Jerusalem and Ramle.

There is no truth in the report that damage was done last night to the Jerusalem Water Supply pipe-line whether at Latrun or elsewhere.

Southern District.

Demolition operations at Jaffa Old City were completed at 6 p.m. yesterday. The Military then withdrew, and the clearance of debris is now being carried out.

Sporadic shots were fired during the night at Bassa (Jaffa), Kfar Sava, Hatikva, Tel Litvinsky, and Kfar Azar. A watchman at Kfar Sava was wounded in the leg: otherwise there were no casualties.

A bomb exploded without causing damage on the outskirts of Jaffa, and another on the railway near Gaza. A goods train was derailed between Jaffa and Lydda in the early morning owing to the removal of a rail, and some damage was done. Shots were fired at the train without causing any casualties.

Trees were destroyed in Jewish orange groves near Na'a na and (the night before last) near Esdud.

A demonstration at Khan Yunis yesterday dispersed peacefully.

Northern District.

A military patrol car was derailed near Qagun. No one was injured and the line has been repaired.

Citrus trees of the Hasharon plantations were destroyed during the night near Dannaba.

A few shots were fired at the military camp and Riadi Club at Nablus, and replied to. There were no known casualties.

Shots were fired at Shatta. Police replied, inflicting, it is believed, one casualty.

19th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.124/36.

Jerusalem District.

Last night a bridge on the Ramallah-Latraun Road was very slightly damaged by explosives. Traffic has not been interrupted.

Southern District:

Yezur village where a Jewish bus was bombed yesterday afternoon and from which several attacks have previously been made on road transport, was searched this morning by Troops and Police.

A fine of LP.200 has been imposed on the village and some livestock and grain belonging to villagers was today removed to Jaffa by the Police as security for the payment of the fine.

No incidents are reported from the Northern District.

19th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 125/36.

Jerusalem District.

Early last night an attempt was made to set fire to an outhouse of the Jewish "Baby Home", Upper Beka'a. A military patrol put it out. Damage was done.

About midnight Military Patrols encountered two ambushes on the Jaffa road. In both cases fire was returned. During the shooting in the second ambush one British soldier was slightly wounded and a lorry was accidentally ditched, slightly injuring two other British soldiers.

The pipe-line of the Jerusalem Water Supply was damaged by an explosion at Kilo 16 on the Jaffa road.

Telephone communication was interrupted between Nablus and Ramallah and on the Jerusalem Lydda Railway.

Southern District.

The Engine Shed in Ruhama Settlement was destroyed by fire and the Police Post fired on. There were no casualties among the Police or the settlers.

During the night between Qaqun and Qalqiliya on the Haifa-Lydda line stones were found blocking the track at two places and a few shots were fired on the patrol train. Shots were also fired on the Lydda-Jerusalem evening train. There were no casualties.

Between Gaza and Khan Yunis explosion of a bomb did some damage to a passing Railway patrol trolley.

Some shots were fired on Beit Vegan, Qatra Police Post (Gaza) and Hadad settlement, and in the vicinity of Lydda Station. The fire was returned. There were no casualties among the troops, police or settlers.

Telegraph wires were cut between Mejdal and Yebna.

Northern District.

Yesterday afternoon an Arab was arrested near Shell Bridge, Haifa. He was carrying a bomb and in his house were found two sticks of dynamite, two detonators and a length of fuse.

A party of military and police sequestered corn at Lajjun village due for the payment of a punitive police post.

Telephone communication was interrupted at Affule, near Athlit and between Jenin and Beisan.

Shots were fired at Beit Alpha and on the police post in the vicinity. Also on Beisan Police Station, the military billets at Safad, at Sedjera Settlement and Karkur Police Station. The Police and Troops replied. There were no casualties.

The customs guard at Nakura was stoned during the night and later shots were fired on the post.

100 orange trees were destroyed at Gan Berger in the Tulkarm Sub-District.

20th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 126/36

The High Commissioner has not yet received the full text of the Secretary of State's opening speech in the Debate on Palestine in the House of Commons on the 19th June. The full text has been promised by Air Mail. In the meantime, His Excellency makes available for publication the following extracts which have been received by telegraph.

"At the outset I should like to express my general concern that Palestine with which I have had such close associations and the welfare of which I have so much at heart should be distracted by civil strife.

"Disturbances accompanied by strike of non-Jewish shops, motor transport, port workers of Jaffa and in short of almost all Arab industrial enterprises have now, I regret to say, continued for some eight weeks. Several Municipalities have joined in the strike, but essential municipal services are still being maintained. Intimidation is responsible only in a small measure for the continuation of the strike which clearly has the full sympathy of a very large part of the Arab population. Nevertheless the Arab Supreme Committee have publicly dissociated themselves from lawless acts though I fear that they can exercise now little influence on the situation owing to wide spread feeling and present character of the disturbances. I should also mention that the Supreme Moslem Council have decided not to take part in the strike, the Sharia Courts are open and the Waqf Administration is working. I am glad to say there has been no disorder or complaint regarding anything in connection with the services at Mosques which have carried on their religious duties in a normal manner.

"His Majesty's Government have made it abundantly clear that the first essential is that order shall be restored. In the last four weeks the security forces have been strongly reinforced.

"Wide additional powers have now been assumed by the High Commissioner for Palestine to meet the present serious situation in supplementation of the normal powers of Government to maintain law and order and deal with riots. The new powers are principally in the form of regulations made under the Palestine Defence Order in Council of the 23rd July, 1931.

"It will be appreciated that it is difficult for effective military action to be taken against individual snipers and small parties who burn crops and attack communications often at night but the recent advent of strong military reinforcements has prevented large scale acts of violence and every effort is being made by the authorities to protect life and property throughout the country, rail and other communications in general are being maintained despite occasional interruptions and escorts are provided for car convoys and trains. Work has been most seriously dislocated at the Port of Jaffa although Haifa has been unaffected.

"At this point I should like to take the opportunity of expressing His Majesty's Government's confidence in Sir Arthur Wauchope and their appreciation of his fine work as High Commissioner. I should like also to pay a special tribute to the Palestine Police for their devotion to duty in the face of very trying circumstances and also to the Jews in Palestine who, despite extreme provocation, have exercised the most commendable self-restraint. I am glad to be able to say that while the deplorable state of things which I have described exists in Palestine the situation in the neighbouring Mandated territory

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of Great Britain has under the strengthening influence of His Highness Amir Abdullah remained almost latently undisturbed.

As to the future let me say once more that His Majesty's Government will not be moved by threats or violence. As soon as order is restored but not before, the King will be advised to appoint a Royal Commission to visit Palestine in order to conduct a full and searching investigation into the causes of unrest and any grievances which may be brought to their notice either by Arabs or by Jews. This will be a really impartial and authoritative body and I can give an assurance that all grievances put forward will be investigated. The sole duty of His Majesty's Government is to secure an objective and non-partisan report which will enable them to do justice to all sections of the community. I am convinced that on the basis of the recommendations of such a Commission serious negotiations will be opened with the Government of the Mandate which will have obligations to accept the land. It is left for me to state as clearly as I can that no name nor service on the Royal Commission of anyone who has been or is in any way connected with Palestine or has in former pre-conceived views or has taken part in Jewish or Arab activities. The persons serving on such a Commission must approach all the problems with an objective and impartial mind.

No one goes to sleep than I do that the relations between His Majesty's Government and the Arabs of Palestine should have been so remarkably strained. I am confident, however, that this is only a passing phase. The Arab people are rightly proud of their historic achievements and of their contributions to civilization. There is a traditional friendship between Great Britain and the Arab peoples which will be valued and which in its truest sense should be preserved and they believe that this is equally the desire of the Arab themselves and the assistance given to Britain to the Arab in Arabia, Iraq and elsewhere during our time. The war could be evidence of our goodwill and interest in the future of the Arab people.

At the same time there is the age long aspiration of the Jews all over the world to have a home in Palestine, this aspiration and claim was formally and most specifically recognized by B. B. in the Balfour Declaration of 1917 which was subsequently endorsed in almost identical terms by the other principal allied powers during the war and embodied in the Mandate which was entrusted to B. B. by the principal allied powers at the conference held at San Remo in 1920. But the Balfour Declaration itself was a declaration of the Jewish people and the Jewish National Home for them. It is the duty of the British Government to ensure that the existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, their rights and obligations will rest upon a firm foundation. The Balfour Declaration is a declaration of the Jewish people.

There is at present a state of apprehension on both sides. The Arabs are afraid that the Jews will completely dominate the country and the future of their own race, and homes. The Jews are afraid that the great and really admirable constructive work which they have done in Palestine will be cut short and the National Home upon which they have set their hopes brought to an end and that the Arabs seek to drive them out or reduce them to an inferior status of barely tolerated aliens under Arab domination. I honestly believe that both

these fears are baseless and must be shown to be baseless. It is the desire of H.M.G. to find a solution consistent with their dual obligations which they regard equally as obligations of honour. It is their confident belief that they can dissipate these fears and do justice to all parties and it is their intention when a solution is found to apply that solution with firmness and consistency. They are most anxious, therefore, that order shall be speedily restored so that the Royal Commission may start work without further delay.

"Clearly, the Royal Commission will have to investigate in detail the existing law and administrative practice of the Palestine Government regarding such matters as land and immigration and these important questions will have to be examined by H.M.G. in the light of the evidence collected by and the recommendations of the Royal Commission; but I am sure that the whole House will agree with me that pending such an authoritative impartial enquiry it would be very wrong of me to prejudice either by speech or action the findings of the Commission. We can contemplate no change of policy until we have received and considered their report.

"I said a moment ago that certain important questions would have to be examined by H.M.G. in the light of the evidence collected and the recommendations made by the Royal Commission, but I should like to add to that statement I am sure that it will be appreciated that no Government least of all a Mandatory Power with its special responsibilities to the League of Nations can divest itself of ultimate responsibility and undertake in advance to carry out proposals or recommendations of which it is necessarily in ignorance; but I would like to say this that H.M.G. would certainly consider with the utmost care and all due weight any recommendations made by so authoritative a body such as I have envisaged and that if as the result of their examination they find that the action advised by the Commission commands itself to them they will carry it into effect without fear and without favour.

"I hope the House will share my opinion that we must take the long view in these difficult matters. I know it is often difficult to do so when crime and outrages are being committed and a general attack upon the fundamentals of Government is in progress and I should regret any speech that would add fuel to the flames or increase racial strife and bitterness. We want Arabs and Jews to realize that both have an assured future in Palestine and that the whole object of the British Government is that both should be able to live together in peace and amity in a land Holy to Three Great Faiths and the civilized world. We hold the Mandate for Palestine and are determined to preserve our authority as Mandatory Power and to administer the country with justice and equity to Jew and Arab alike".

20th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.127/36.

Jerusalem District.

Some damage was done by explosives to a bridge on the Jericho road.

In connection with the damage done to the Jerusalem Water Supply during the night, police dogs followed the trail of the marauders to a house in Saris village where a bag of tools was found. Twenty men were taken from the village to repair the ~~damage~~ of the pipe-line.

Southern District.

Two Jewish supernumerary Policemen had their rifles stolen this morning at Nes Tziona. A search was later made in the vicinity and an Arab was found in possession of an automatic pistol.

An incident, the circumstances of which are under investigation, occurred at Kfar Saba this morning when a Jew was found dead from a gunshot wound.

Northern District.

At Migdal near Tiberias a Jew was found suffering from a shot wound in the foot. The Police are on the scene and are investigating.

20th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No 128/36

Northern District

A successful operation was carried out by the Seaforth Highlanders who captured last night on Mount Ebal near Nablus an Arab armed gang. One Arab was seriously wounded and four arrests were made and three rifles seized. There were no casualties among the troops.

Yesterday evening a bus in Haifa was set on fire. The fire was quickly put out and the damage was slight.

The bridge between Samakh and Jisr el Majamich was slightly damaged by fire. Traffic is not interrupted. A Jewish hut and workshop was set on fire near Belad es Sheikh (Haifa) and also the tree nursery at Migdal. Both fires were put out by the police.

There was some telephone wire cutting in the Nablus area, and some shooting in Safad where an arrest was made, in Beisan, on a watchman's hut at Yachin, and in the Haifa Bay area. An armoured Car Patrol was also fired on and replied between Jonin and Silet el Dahr.

Jerusalem District

Arson was attempted at the Tarouff Marble Works, Beit Vegan, yesterday. The police put out the fire and very slight damage was done.

During the night some shots were fired on Military patrols on the Hebron Road, and on the Railway between Bittir and Jerusalem. The troops replied in both cases.

There was also heavy firing on Beit El Hakerom settlement from Deir Yasin and a few shots on passing traffic from Motza.

Telephone communications were cut between Jerusalem and Tala'at el Dumun, between Khan Lubban and Ein Haramich and between Jerusalem and Hebron.

Southern District

During the night there was some shooting near Beit Vegan, Tel Litvinsky and near the Montefiore quarter of Jaffa. A motor patrol was also fired on from Kfar Saba, the police replying.

Two bombs were thrown at a Railway patrol near Qalqiliya and Tulkarm and another bomb exploded on the line near Khan Yunis. Shots were also fired at a patrol trolley south of Megdal, where also a bomb exploded near the Police Station.

Two Bombs are reported from Gaza and two from BeerSheva.

21st. June, 1936

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 129/36

The Birthday of His Majesty the King will be celebrated in Palestine on the 23rd. June, 1936.

At 9 a.m. a combined parade of detachments of His Majesty's Forces, including the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, will be held on the parade ground adjoining Talavera Barracks, Jerusalem.

His Excellency the High Commissioner will inspect the parade, in the course of which His Excellency will present the insignia of decorations conferred by His Majesty the late King on residents of Jerusalem and members of the Police Force.

No invitations to attend the parade are being issued, but Government officers and members of the public who wish to attend will be welcome, and the District Commissioner, Jerusalem District, is making arrangements for their reception.

At 11 a.m. a special service, at which the High Commissioner will be present, will be held at St. George's Cathedral Jerusalem. There will be an offering at the service for the Ophthalmic Hospital of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, which exists to serve all communities in Palestine.

District Commissioners are making such arrangements as they deem suitable for the celebration of His Majesty's Birthday in towns other than Jerusalem.

21st. June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO L30/36

The Emergency (Amendment) Regulations (No.5), 1936, which were published in the Gazette Extraordinary of the 20th June, 1936, provide for the amendments of the Emergency Regulations in the following respects :-

- (i) The list of offences punishable by death or imprisonment for life has been extended to include the case of a person depositing, as well as of actually throwing, a bomb with intent to cause death or injury to persons or damage to property;
- (ii) The list of offences punishable by imprisonment for ~~the~~ life has been extended to include the case of a person possessing a bomb, or incendiary article, or without reasonable excuses in possession of a firearm or explosive article ,
- (iii) It has been made clear that the penalties in case of offences of sabotage are punishable with death if they are also committed with the intention of assisting armed rebels and rioters;
- (iv) The punishment in cases of offences under this Regulation shall in no case be less than five years imprisonment;
- (v) Any fine or compensation or the cost of any additional police which has been levied under the Collective Punishments Ordinance, 1926, in connection with the present disturbances may be collected as if it were a fine levied under the Emergency Regulations, that is to say, the District Commissioner may order that it be levied collectively from the inhabitants of the town, quarter or village or the occupants of the house concerned either in cash or in cattle, sheep, goats or other live stock, or in corn, grain or other produce, and if in cash he may forthwith seize any live stock or produce as security for its payment;
- (vi) prior The power of a District Commissioner, subject to the approval of the High Commissioner to appropriate and demolish any house or building has been extended to cover the case where the inhabitants of the town or village, or area in which the house or building is situated, have committed , aided or abetted offences involving damage to property.

21st. June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO 131/36

A convoy was ambushed three miles east of Nur el Shams early this afternoon by an armed band of Arabs estimated to be some 60 strong. Three of the escort of Royal Scots Fusiliers were wounded, two seriously and one slightly. Reinforcements of Seaforth Highlanders were at once despatched to the scene and in the meantime aircraft engaged the band with machine guns. The Seaforth Highlanders, assisted by aircraft, attacked the band, which split up, one section making off to the north towards Bela and the larger section to the south. Both sections of the band were pursued and closely engaged by the Seaforth Highlanders and aircraft. Ten members of the band are known to have been killed, but the full extent of their casualties has not as yet been established. At the conclusion of the encounter the cooperating aircraft returned to the aerodrome having suffered no casualties. The High Commissioner greatly regrets to announce that Sergeant Henry Sills of the First Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders was shot and killed in the course of the action.

It was reported in the midday communiqué that as a result of a successful operation carried out by the Seaforth Highlanders against an Arab armed gang on Mount Ebal, four Arabs were arrested of whom one was seriously wounded, the troops suffering no casualties. Four rifles and one bomb were seized on this occasion by the troops. The wounded Arab has since died.

21st. June. 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE. No. 132/36.

Jerusalem District.

Early this morning the military railway patrol from Jerusalem to Jaffa was held up near Malha village by an obstruction on the line and fired on. The escort replied killing one Arab. Later between Deir es Sheikh and Artuf it was again attacked from both sides of the line by a band of Arabs. The escort replied and it is believed killed or wounded five or six men. Two British soldiers of the escort were slightly wounded.

During the night some damage was done by explosives to the Jerusalem Water pipe-line near Enab. This morning the troops searched Saris village and discovered 40 lb. of gunpowder which was destroyed.

There was some further telegraph wire cutting in the district and some shots were fired in the suburbs of Jerusalem.

30 men of Bizariyeh Village were impressed to mend a bridge on the Jericho road which - as already reported - had been damaged by explosives.

Southern District.

There were some isolated cases of shooting in the District. In no case were there any casualties.

Some trees in Jewish groves were damaged near Deir El Belah and outside Esdud.

At noon yesterday the southbound train for Kantara was temporarily delayed by damage to the line near Gaza and in the evening a military patrol put out a small fire on the track near Khan Yunis.

Early this morning a Military trolley was derailed by an explosion near Khan Yunis. A British Officer was very slightly injured in the foot.

Northern District.

Following upon the operations in the Tulkarm area which were reported in last night's communique, military searches for the remnants of the armed band are proceeding. No further reports are as yet available.

Some shots were fired during the night on the Jewish settlements of Ramat Hakovesh and Gan Litwinsky and in Safad, Migdal and Nablus. There were no casualties in any case.

An Arab was arrested in Haifa in connection with a bomb explosion at Hadar Hacarmel.

Two Arabs were arrested in Wadi Rushmiya (Haifa) carrying one Mills bomb and four hand-made bombs.

Official Communiqué No:133/36.

This morning two Arabs were captured who had hidden themselves in a cave during the course of yesterday's operations by the military and police against armed bands near Belaa. One was in possession of a rifle and 70 rounds of ammunition; the other had a shotgun and ten cartridges.

Sergeant Sills was buried this evening at Ramleh with full military honours.

At Affule in the northern district considerable damage was done last night in a grove of mixed fruit trees by a party of marauders estimated to be between 30 and 40 strong.

A less serious case of tree destruction is reported from Nes Tsiyona near Esdud.

There have been no incidents in Jerusalem today.

Curfew will be imposed as from this evening within an area extending for five hundred metres on either side of the Jerusalem-Jaffa road from the Municipal boundary of Jerusalem to kilo 27.

Curfew will last from 7 p.m. to 4.30 a.m.

This area will be closely patrolled by the troops who will strictly enforce this curfew regulation.

22.6.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 134/36.

Jerusalem District.

Last night the Evening train from Lydda was fired on near Deir es Sheikh. The escort replied. There was also some firing on Bnei Brit settlement and on the Jericho Road where telephone communication was interrupted and a bridge damaged.

Southern District.

Last night after a search by the Military and Police, an Arab carrying a revolver and some ammunition was arrested at Agir village from which some shots had been fired at a Jew and at the Police.

A bomb exploded at Mejdal and another at Beersheba. No damage was done. Two others of primitive make were found unexploded under a bridge on the Tel Aviv - Petach Tikvah Road.

During the night Military Railway patrols were fired on near Lydda and also near Mughar. They replied. There were no casualties among the troops.

Northern District.

Corn and Grain to the value of LP. 150 was sequestered at Qabatiya village in payment of unpaid Collective fines. Two of the villagers were arrested, one in possession of a revolver, the other of ammunition.

A bomb exploded in Hadar Hacarmel doing slight damage and later another which had not exploded was found in the same place.

An Arab has died in Nablus Hospital from a bullet wound, believed to have been received during the round up of the armed gang on Mount Ebal on June 21st.

Some orange trees were damaged during the night in Hanotaiak groves in the Tulkarm Sub District by marauders who decamped when the ghaffir fired on them.

Shots were fired yesterday morning near Meithalun on a patrol train. The fire was returned and it is believed one of the assailants was killed.

23rd June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 135/36.

Northern District.

In this afternoon's Official Communiqué No. 134/36, it was reported in error that a patrol train had been fired on near Meithalun. The shots were in fact, fired at a patrolling aeroplans which replied; and since then an Arab wounded in the incident has been brought into Nablus.

Jerusalem District.

This afternoon shooting was reported on Kfar Etzion. Reinforcements were sent to the scene.

About 5 p.m. some fifty youths demonstrated along the Suleiman Road, Jerusalem. The Police dispersed them opposite the Post Office and arrested two of the ringleaders.

Southern District.

No incidents were reported.

23.6.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 136/36.

Jerusalem District.

Yesterday evening the Palestine Potash Convoy was sniped and held up on the Jericho Road. The escort replied, and was joined by a police patrol and drove off the assailants. There were no casualties among the troops or police or personnel of the convoy.

During the night some shots were fired in Bethlehem and at Hechor Chayim Settlement and at Neve Yacov Settlement, where a Jew was slightly injured by a splinter of glass.

Early this morning a bomb was thrown at a Jewish house in the Romema Quarter of Jerusalem. No one was hurt.

A stone-crusher on Mount Scopus was damaged by fire.

Northern District.

Bal'a Village, near Anebta was searched yesterday. Ammunition both unused and expended was found in three houses, which were demolished. A quantity of grain was taken in part payment of a fine and nine villagers were arrested and twelve others detained for interrogation.

Yesterday afternoon near Roshpina a small Arab band fired on a bus coming from Tiberias. One Jewish passenger was killed and three others slightly wounded. Parties of troops and of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force are searching the area.

During the night a military patrol was fired on near Beit Alpha and replied killing one Arab who had a Turkish rifle and 43 rounds of ammunition. The troops suffered no casualties.

Shots were also fired at Sejera Settlement, where a British Police Corporal was slightly wounded; at a car patrol near Acre; in Safad; and at Kinnereth.

A military patrol was fired on near Tulkarm. The patrol replied and, it is believed, inflicted casualties.

Two Arabs were arrested in Haifa and a search of their house revealed one bomb and an automatic pistol and ammunition.

Southern District.

Yesterday evening the troops searched Deir Aban Village near Artuf. Opposition was encountered necessitating the use of firearms, and two Arabs were killed and three wounded. There were no casualties among the troops.

During the night the railway line was tampered with between Khan Yunis and Rafah and telephone wires were cut.

There were two unsuccessful attempts to interfere with the railway, one between Ras el Ain and Qalqilya and the other near Artuf.

Some shots were fired near Lydda Station, near Ras el Ain in Ramleh and at the Lotrum pump house. There were no casualties and no damage.

Three bombs exploded in Beersheba and one in Gaza. They did no damage.

24th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 137/36.

Jerusalem District.

A demonstration was held at Ain Karim this morning. The demonstrators handed the police a petition to the High Commissioner and then dispersed quietly.

At Artuf an Arab failed to halt when ordered to do so by the military, and received a bullet wound in the leg.

Two arrests were made in Jerusalem for throwing stones and strewing nails.

A few shots were fired at the north-bound carway near kilometre 31. There were no casualties.

An Arab caught at Ramema was searched this morning: an automatic pistol was found, and an arrest made.

Northern District.

A Jew was shot at, but not hit, at Tiberias.

Southern District.

An abortive attempt was made to set fire to a synagogue in the Manshiya quarter of Jaffa.

24th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 138/36.

Jerusalem District.

About 9 p.m. last night an armed Arab band attacked Ataroth Settlement. The police reinforced by troops replied and by 11.30 p.m. conditions were reported to be quiet. During the early firing a Jewish settler was fatally wounded.

At 11 p.m. Neve Ya'acob Settlement was also attacked. The police replied. There were no casualties.

Some shots were fired during the night on railway ghaffirs between Deir es Sheikh and Artuf. There was also some shooting at Birch, and at Hebron.

The following villages in addition to Deir Alan were searched yesterday by the troops and police:- Deir el Hawa, Safia, Beit Itab, Artuf, Deir es Sheikh, Kasla, Beit Umm el Meis and Bittir. In most villages ammunition - unused and expended - was found and the search also revealed some wire cutters and dynamite.

Southern District.

Two small fires - one in the Manshiya Quarter of Jaffa and the other in the Government School Store at Beersheba - were put out by the police. Only slight damage was done.

DURING THE NIGHT TELEPHONE communication was interrupted near Qalgiliya and Ras el Ain and two military patrols were fired on in the Ramle district, returning the fire.

Northern District.

Yesterday afternoon a suitcase, left by an Arab in a bus in Haifa under suspicious circumstances, was opened and found to contain two bombs. Two arrests have been made on suspicion.

Eleven arrests were made in Kabri village where stones were thrown at two British Constables on June 23rd.

A bomb exploded during the night near the Customs house in Acre, and broke some windows: communist literature was found on the scene.

Yesterday afternoon a south bound Convoy was twice fired upon at Ras Amar and near Kafr Saba. Troops and aircraft attacked the assailants. There were no casualties among the troops or police or the personnel of the convoy which reached its destination safely. One Arab was killed and a boy wounded and it is believed that two others of the band were also wounded.

The evening train from Haifa to Lydda was fired upon near Qalgiliya.

There was some shooting near Jebel Canaan and on Sejera Settlement.

A second Arab has died of wounds received during the night of June 23/24 in the clash with the military patrol near Beisan reported in the Official Communique No. 136/36.

Searches were carried out yesterday at Silet el Dahr and Meithalus where ammunition was found.

Firing occurred in Nablus during the night: a Arab patient in the Hospital was killed by a stray bullet, which entered through the open window.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 139/36.

Jerusalem District.

In connection with last night's attack on Ataroth Settlement, police with dogs followed trails to Beit Hanina; on the way an Arab was arrested in possession of 73 rounds of ammunition, detonators and fuse.

A bomb exploded this morning outside the District Commissioner's Offices: it broke some telephone cables, but did no other damage.

Northern District.

Five Communists were arrested in Haifa last night.

An attempt was made in the night to blow up a railway bridge on the Liffich area: little damage was done, and traffic was not interrupted.

A military patrol was fired on this morning on the Nablus road north of Khan Jubban by a numerous band of armed Arabs. Troops and police arrived from Nablus, and pursued the band, engaging two parties of them near Qabalan and near Aqraba. At Qabalan four of the band were killed and three wounded, their rifles being seized as well as a bomb and ammunition. There were no casualties among the troops. At Aqraba two of the band were killed and one wounded, and three rifles were seized. A lance corporal of the South Highlanders was seriously wounded and the High Commissioner regrets to announce that he died this evening of his wounds.

29.3.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE. No. 140/36.

Jerusalem District.

At about midnight several shots were fired from Habi Daud cemetery in the direction of the King David Hotel the Railway Station and the Government Printing Press. Police and troops replied. There were no casualties.

At about 6 o'clock this morning a large band of Arabs armed with rifles attacked a party of telephone linemen who were escorted by a military party near Ain Sinya on the Nablus Road. Reinforcements arrived from Ramallah. After about an hour's firing the Arab band retired to the hills where troops are still in pursuit of them. They were carrying three of their number. Two soldiers were wounded.

Troops and police exchanged a few shots with an armed band near kilometre 1 on the Jerusalem Jaffa Road last evening.

All pumping stations on the Ras al Ein - Jerusalem pipe line are now working at normal pressure.

Southern District.

Yesterday afternoon in an orange grove near Pesh Tiyva an Arab fired several shots at a Jewish workman who had given him a drink of water. The Jew was not hit. Two arrests have been made on suspicion.

The evening train from Haifa to Lydda was delayed by an ordinary accident to two goods train near Ras al Ain, and the passengers all got out at that station. Later while the empty passenger coaches were being taken to Lydda the engine and two coaches were derailed owing to the line having been tampered with near Kafr Jinnis, and one of the Military escort was unfortunately killed in the derailment. The train was fired at and attacked by a party of Arabs who retired when one of their number was wounded and captured. The driver and fireman of the engine were severely scalded and another soldier and a railwayman were injured.

Northern District.

A collective fine of L.P. 60 has been imposed upon Kabri and collected in cash (see Official Communique No. 138/35).

It has now been ascertained that four Arabs were killed at the fighting at Aqraba reported in last night's Official Communique.

An armed Arab was wounded by a military patrol near Khan Lubban.

There was a little firing during the night at Nablus, RamadHakoveh and Kerkur; and two bombs exploded harmlessly near Semakh police station.

26.6.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.141/36

The High Commissioner announces with regret the death of Private Houltram of The Cheshire Regt. the member of the escort of the train derailed last night, who was (as reported in this afternoon's communiqué) killed by the derailment.

The High Commissioner regrets that the Arab engine-driver, who was severely scalded when his engine was derailed last night, has died of his injuries.

No incidents have been reported in any district since the issue of this afternoon's official communiqué.

The Arab reported in communiqué No.140/36 to have been wounded and captured near Ras al Ain died of his wounds this morning.

26th June, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 142/36.

Jerusalem District.

Yesterday's evening train from Lydda was fired on near Dair es Sheikh. The military escort replied. There were no casualties.

Southern District.

Curfew was declared at Lydda for the first time last night. Twenty-six arrests were made for contravention of the order.

Near Megdal last night some damage, which was quickly repaired, was done to the railway line by the explosion of two bombs. Slight damage was also done to a bridge on the Hebron Beersheba road by another bomb.

A military patrol wounded an Arab who failed to answer a challenge when trespassing within the curfew area on the railway between Lydda and Jaffa.

It was reported in Official Communiqué No. 141 /36 that the Engine Driver, who suffered injuries in the train derailment near Kufir Jinnis yesterday, had died. The death was, in fact, that of the fireman; but the Engine driver is very dangerously ill.

Northern District.

A military patrol yesterday was ambushed by a party of Arabs near Nazoun. The troops fired killing one Arab who was carrying a rifle and wounding a woman, who was with the band and who subsequently died. Two persons were arrested for interrogation.

Last night a military cordon was drawn round Qalqiliya. Attempts were made to escape and the troops were forced to fire. One man carrying ammunition was killed and one wounded and four others were arrested - three in possession of knives and ammunition.

Reconnaissance aircraft were fired upon yesterday afternoon in the Nazoun-Qalqiliya area, by groups of Arabs whose movements they were investigating. They replied and it is believed inflicted casualties.

In Haifa, two men were arrested for nail-strewing and one for throwing a bomb which did not explode; also another Arab near Arid Ghazzi who was in possession of a rifle and ammunition.

27th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No.143/36

With effect from 7 p.m. to-morrow, Sunday June 28th, the Curfew Regulation will be imposed between 7 p.m. and 4.30 a.m. upon the area extending to a distance of 500 metres from the centre of the permanent way of all railways in Palestine, except the railway from Affule Station (inclusive) to Beisan Station (inclusive).

This new application of the Curfew Regulation does not however include municipal areas and villages. By "village" is meant the area comprising the grouped houses of a village.

27.6.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 144/36.

Northern District.

It has been found that a second Arab was killed in the encounter with troops at Azzoun reported in this afternoon's official communiqué, and one seriously wounded.

Southern District.

Lydda town was searched by the military this morning, and five persons were arrested in possession of rifle ammunition. Inhabitants of Lydda having been concerned in shooting at trains and damaging communications, a collective fine of LP.5000 was imposed upon the town, and the house of a notorious agitator was demolished.

The engine-driver of the train derailed near Ras el Ain the night before last died this afternoon.

Jerusalem District.

No incidents have been reported since the issue of this afternoon's communiqué.

17th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE. No. 145/36.

Jerusalem District.

An encounter occurred last night on the Jerusalem Road near Hebron between a band of Arabs and a combined police and military patrol, and firing continued for some time. The military billet at Hebron was also fired on and troops and police replied. So far as is known there were no casualties in either case.

An Arab with a rifle and ammunition was arrested at Latroun, and another, with an automatic pistol, at Beit Vegan.

Southern District.

An Arab was arrested for cutting telegraph wires; and clues are being followed up in connection with an attempt to damage the Railway line north of Lydda.

Northern District.

A bomb exploded at Hamra Square, Haifa, shortly before midnight, breaking an electric cable, but doing no other damage.

Three Arabs were arrested for intimidation, and one for possessing a revolver and ammunition, in and near Haifa.

Shots were fired by an Arab band at Kfar Yehozkiel; the band was engaged by police and Transjordan Frontier Force and made off. There were no known casualties.

Shots were fired at a military patrol near Silat al Dahr, at Tabas village and in an orange grove near Tulkarm. No one was hit.

28.6.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 146/36.

Jerusalem District.

From Motza, where there was some sniping last night, police dogs followed a trail to Sataf, where two arrests were made and some ammunition seized.

Southern District.

Khairiya village was searched to-day. Two bombs were found and one arrest was made.

There are no other incidents to report.

The 8th Hussars (Mechanized) arrived in Jerusalem to-day from Egypt by road.

29.6.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE, No. 147/36.

Jerusalem District.

Shots were fired at Kalila about midnight. Police replied. Transjordan Frontier Force drove off the assailants. So far as is known there were no casualties. There was also some firing at Beit Vegen.

Southern District.

There was sporadic shooting at several points in the outskirts of Jaffa and Tel Aviv. A Jew was wounded in the leg when a bus was fired on early this morning; the assailant, with his rifle, was captured by a police patrol.

A bomb exploded harmlessly in the Manshiya quarter of Jaffa.

An Arab was arrested at Burga in possession of ammunition.

A number of trees were destroyed in Jewish groves at Arab Sukariya and Beir al Bish; a pumping-house was also damaged in the latter place.

Considerable damage was done yesterday by fire to the Government Central Girls' School in course of construction at Jaffa.

Northern District.

A Jewish watchman at Buraqa land (Zikron Yehoy) was shot by unknown persons and seriously wounded.

A house at Zeika near Zikron was searched and a rifle, ammunition, fuses, etc. were seized.

A police patrol was ambushed last night between Batumi Town and Beisan Station, and heavily fired on, replying with Lewis gun fire. Three British constables were wounded. A fine of LP. 300 was imposed on Beisan, which was paid this morning.

A bomb exploded in a house at Tiberias, breaking several windows.

A number of shots were fired at Mizpa settlement, to which the Police replied. There were no known casualties.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE.

No. 118/36.

Incidents are reported from the Jerusalem District.

Northern District.

Near Jiftlik a Transjordan Frontier Force Patrol captured three armed Arabs, wounding one of them. Four rifles and 30 rounds of ammunition were seized.

Northern District.

Fire broke out in a garage at Ramleh, one car being destroyed: an arrest has been made.

The demolition of houses in the Old City of Jaffa in preparation for the construction of the second road was begun at dawn and continued throughout the day.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.149/36.

Jerusalem District.

Three Arabs were seen by a police patrol at Bira attempting to set fire to a petrol pump. One of them was arrested, and the identity of one of the others is known.

Northern District.

Several bombs exploded harmlessly in Nablus last night. Shots were fired at the Military Camp, the Hindi Club and the Post Office: police or troops returned the fire: there were no known casualties.

Two Arabs were arrested by the military between Ras al Ain and Qalqilya in possession of arms and ammunition.

In connexion with the shooting at Bureika reported in official communiqué No.147/36, police dogs followed a trail to Sindiyana village and identified a villager who confessed: two other arrests were then made.

Watchmen at Acre Railway Station were fired on about midnight. A party of police arrived with Lewis guns and drove off the assailants, one of whom is believed to have been wounded. There were no casualties among the police or watchmen.

A fine of 56 bags of wheat was collected from Tayba village (Beisan sub-district) for cutting telephone wires. In the same neighbourhood a Beduin was arrested in possession of a rifle and ammunition.

Southern District.

A flour-mill at Solana, owned jointly by four Arabs and a Jew, was set on fire during the night and burnt out.

30th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.150/36.

Jerusalem District.

A house at H.aron from which firearms were discharged on the night of June 27/28 was this afternoon appropriated and demolished in accordance with Emergency Regulations.

An Arab was arrested this morning at Beit Vegen in possession of 1 Mills Bomb.

Police from Yaffa Police Post arrested an Arab in possession of four rifles 1 revolver and a quantity of ammunition.

Southern District:

During demolition operations in Jaffa this morning two British soldiers and two Arabs were injured by flying debris.

There is nothing to report from the Northern District.

30th June, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 151/36.

JERUSALEM DISTRICT.

The stores of a Jewish builder at the New Commercial Centre, Jerusalem, were set on fire in the night; the fire was extinguished by the Police, and did little damage.

Shots were fired at Dilb Settlement, and at police near Rachel's Tomb.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Two lengths of rail were found this morning to have been removed on the Jerusalem Lydda line.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

A bomb was thrown outside Haifa Police Station about 10 p.m. but did not explode. Eight Arabs were arrested, and a bomb was found in the house of one of them.

Another bomb was thrown into a house at Haifa: it did little damage.

A British police patrol was shot at by an armed gang of Arabs last evening on the Musmus track, and replied with Lewis gun fire, driving off the assailants, one or more of whom appeared to have been wounded. The police suffered no casualties.

Two Arabs have confessed to the shooting of the Jewish watchman at Bureika (see Official Communiqués No. 147/36 and 149/36) and produced the guns they used.

A Jewish watchman accompanying troops on the border of Haifa and Tulkarm sub-districts was fatally shot by unknown persons.

A few shots were fired during the night at Acre, Mt. Tabor, Safad and Nablus: there were no casualties.

Collective fines of LP. 100 and LP. 60 have been imposed upon Zir'in and Naqura respectively.

1.7.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 152/36.

Southern District.

A police patrol between Yasar and Bir Hadya in Gaza sub-district, met two Arabs who failed to answer their challenge. The police opened fire, wounding one of the men, and/or other surrendered. /the
Each of them was found to be concealing a rifle under his clothing.

Northern District.

A fine of LP. 60 for cutting telephone wires was collected this morning from Kawkab village in Beisan sub-district.

No incidents are reported from Jerusalem District.

The Curfew Regulation has been imposed as from this evening, between the hours of 7 p.m. and 4.30 a.m. upon the area extending 500 metres outwards from the fence surrounding the Broadcast Transmitting station at Ramallah.

1.7.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE. No. 153/36.

Jerusalem District.

A pile of packing cases on some waste land near the ex-Palace Hotel was set on fire last evening. The fire was extinguished by the police.

A bomb exploded - probably in the course of manufacture - in the house of an Arab at Wadi Joz. He was severely injured by the explosion and died in hospital this morning.

Shots were fired at the Military Billet at Hebron about midnight. An officer and a corporal were slightly wounded: the former has already returned to duty. A fine of LP. 2000 has been imposed upon Hebron in consequence.

A few shots were fired at Motza and Artuf settlements.

Southern District.

A police patrol car was fired on from near Dahriya village in Ramle sub-district and returned the fire. There were no police casualties.

An Arab was arrested in possession of a rifle between Salama and Al Yahudiya.

Northern District.

A few shots were fired during the night near Affule, at Ramat Hekovesh and at Tulkarm.

A Jewish shop was burnt at Beisan.

A bomb exploded in the house of an Arab notable at Indus. No one was injured.

A fine of LP. 100 has been collected from Jaba' village (Haifa sub-district) for acts of sabotage.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 154/36

Southern District

A military railway patrol was fired at last night by unknown persons near Mikveh Israel, and returned the fire. There were no casualties.

There are no other incidents to report from the Southern District, and none from the Jerusalem District or Northern District.

2.7.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 156/36.

Jerusalem District.

There was some intermittent shooting in and around Jerusalem during the early part of the night near the Damascus Gate, at Michor Barouch, Michor Chayia, Beit Vegan, Motza and Romema. There were no casualties.

A revolver and some ammunition were found in a house in the Armenian quarter. The Arab occupant was arrested.

During the night a private car was destroyed by fire in the German Colony. Arson is suspected.

Southern District.

Some sabotage of telephone wires and railway lines occurred during the night between Artuf and Wadi as-Sarar.

During the night an Arab watchman was murdered by unknown persons in an Arab-owned orange grove at Wadi Huncin.

Yesterday afternoon on the outskirts of Jaffa a Jewish bus was stoned and one of its windows broken. No one was injured.

Troops and police searched Yehna and Bash-shit yesterday and two arrests were made.

An Arab was arrested in Jaffa in possession of a revolver and ammunition.

Northern District.

During the night some shots were fired on Beit Gan settlement and at Nur A.-Shams Railway Station. The police and military replied. There were no casualties.

An arrest was made this morning for intimidation in Haifa market.

5.7.36

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.156/36

Jerusalem District.

An Arab who had been observed digging up a rifle was arrested with it near Beit Surik and another arrest was made at the same time.

Southern District.

Near Gaza an attempt was made during the night to blow up a railway bridge at kilometre 170. The attempt was unsuccessful, but the explosions displaced a number of sleepers. A few sleepers were also damaged by a bomb at kilometre 177. In both cases patrols which went to investigate were fired on but suffered no casualties.

Two Arabs armed with rifles were arrested near Beersheba this morning.

Demonstrators broke three windows of Beersheba police station about noon to-day: four of them were arrested.

Northern District.

There are no incidents to report.

2nd July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 157/36.

Jerusalem District.

A Trans-Jordan Frontier Force patrol challenged three Arabs during the night at Aqbat Jabr, exchanged shots with them, and arrested one, who was in possession of a rifle and revolver.

A few shots were fired between 8 and 11 p.m. in and around Jerusalem.

Southern District.

Two bombs exploded on the Jaffa-Tel Aviv boundaries, but did not damage.

A police patrol exchanged shots with unknown persons in an orange-grove in the Shpak Quarter of Tel Aviv.

An Arab was arrested at Kubab, for discharging a revolver in order to intimidate two others.

A collective fine of L2.100 has been imposed upon Yebna.

Northern District.

A bomb exploded outside a house at Wadi Salib (Haifa) at 10 p.m. No damage was done.

10 dunams of eucalyptus trees at Hedera Settlement were damaged by fire.

Military patrols were fired at on the Affule-Samakh railway, and between Arraba and Anza on the Jenin-Nablus road, and they returned the fire. There were no known casualties.

4th July, 1936.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.158/56.

Jerusalem District.

Police dogs followed a trail of persons who had been shooting on the outskirts of Jerusalem last night to an encampment east of Bethlehem, where four Arabs were detained on suspicion.

Southern District.

A bomb exploded on the railway line between Tulkarm and Qalqilya. It did hardly any damage and traffic was not interrupted.

Northern District.

There are no incidents to report.

4th July, 1936.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 199/36.

Jerusalem District.

An Arab was arrested at St. Stephen's Gate in possession of 14 rounds of rifle ammunition.

An Arab has been arrested in connection with the bomb-throwing near the Habluz Road reported in this afternoon's communique.

Southern District.

A quantity of revolver ammunition was found in a house in the Ajlul quarter of Jaffa which was searched by the Police last night.

Northern District.

There are no incidents to report.

1.7.36.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 259/36.

Jerusalem District.

A garage near the German Colony was set on fire last night, one car being destroyed and another damaged.

A military post overlooking Hebron surprised and opened fire on an armed band which was firing at the military billets in the town. One Arab was killed and three others are believed to have been wounded. A rifle and ammunition were found on the dead man. There were no military casualties.

A bomb was thrown early this morning behind the Public Works Department offices on the Habluz Road, Jerusalem, injuring three Jews, two of them seriously.

A house at Abu Ghosh was searched yesterday and explosives found buried in the garden.

Southern District.

The arrests were made in connection with a case of bomb-throwing at Beit Vegan. The bomb did no damage. Bombs were also thrown carelessly at Gaza and BeerSheva in the Manshiya quarter of Jaffa.

Another caused slight damage on the railway line near Gaza.

An Arab was seriously injured by an explosion at Latrun.

Shots were fired on Shulda settlement, on the Jaffa-Jerusalem railway and on a police patrol near Khan Yunis. The fire was returned. There were no casualties.

An Arab was arrested in possession of an automatic pistol and ammunition at Sarafand el Khirab, and another in possession of a shot gun at Rehovoth.

Northern District.

A bomb was thrown into the Karaman quarry near Yajur, another at Nere, and two at Habluz. No damage was done.

Armoured car patrols were fired at on two occasions between Habbis and Jenin, and returned the fire. There were no known casualties.

The fire which broke out in the Hedera eucalyptus wood on the evening of June 3 (see Official Communiqué No. 157/36) was caused, it has been ascertained, by a spark from a passing engine.

5.7.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 161/36.

Jerusalem District.

Shots were fired in the course of the night at Dilb settlement, Givat Shaul, Beit Vegan, Ramat Rachel, Neve Yaacov; and towards the Jaffa Road from the direction of Ain Karom. A railway police patrol was also fired on between Artuf and Deir as Sheikh. A watchman at Dilb was wounded in the leg, but so far as is known there were no other casualties.

Southern District.

There was some firing during the night on the outskirts of Tel Aviv. A police patrol near Jammasin, and a military patrol near Ben Shimon were fired on and replied. There were no known casualties.

An Egyptian labourer who was working at Lydda Station was unfortunately shot by mistake and seriously wounded by a British soldier on duty there.

Northern District.

A Jewish watchman reported to the Police that he had accidentally shot an Arab near the quarries a kilometre south of Zikhron. The Arab was found to have been fatally wounded.

A band of armed Arabs attacked Huseiniya village in Safad sub-district last night; they slightly injured the son of the Mukhtar and shot two cows. Troops and Transjordan Frontier Force proceeded to the spot and orders were given to block the roads. It is regretted that an Arab watchman carrying out this duty at Khalisa was shot and fatally wounded by a military motor patrol which mistook his signals.

The Beisan police arrested an Arab in possession of a rifle and ammunition.

A search operation by troops in the area south-west of Nablus is proceeding according to plan.

6th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 163/36.

Jerusalem District.

Shots were fired during the night in the direction of Mekor Hayim, and a few shots also at Kalandia. There were no casualties.

Southern District.

Two Arabs, with a rifle, daggers and ammunition, were arrested by a military patrol near Ramle last evening.

Some shots were fired at Molodet Settlement during the evening and night; and Beit Dajan police post was also fired at, the police returning the fire. There were no known casualties.

A bomb exploded harmlessly near the Maspero Cigarette factory last evening; and this morning a bomb thrown at Nove Shanan police station injured two passers-by.

A Jew on the road between Hatikva and Tel Aviv was fatally wounded this morning by a shot fired from an orange grove. Investigations are proceeding.

Northern District.

Two members of the crew of S.S. Polonia were arrested at Haifa Custom-house, each in possession of an automatic pistol.

Shots were fired at Ain Hared settlement; the military replied, and six armed Arabs were seen escaping. So far as is known there were no casualties.

A party of troops was fired on by snipers between Tulkarm and Nablus, one officer and one private being wounded, the latter dangerously.

Fines of LP. 84 and LP. 90 have been collected from Zib and Bassa respectively.

Particulars of certain Arab casualties which occurred during yesterday's military operation, additional to those mentioned in Official Communique No. 162/35 will be given in this Evening's Communique.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.164/36.

No incidents since the issue of this afternoon's Communiqué are reported from the Jerusalem District.

Southern District.

Two bombs exploded harmlessly in Jaffa this morning.

This afternoon two Jewish supernumerary constables near Richon-le-Zion challenged two Arabs who were carrying rifles. The Arabs fired at them and the constables replied, killing one and seizing his rifle and ammunition. Search is being made for the other.

The name of the Police Station near which a bomb exploded this morning was given in this afternoon's communiqué as Neve Shana'an instead of Neve Shalom. The bomb caused slight injuries to one British constable, two Palestinian Constables, and one civilian.

Northern District.

Late last night a party of troops was fired at by bands of Arabs near Deir Sheraf. The troops returned the fire, and some of the assailants are believed to have been wounded.

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In addition to the Arab casualties stated in yesterday's evening Communiqué, the following have now been reported which occurred in the course of yesterday's military operation: two Arabs were killed at Abud, one at Lubban, and one at Kharbata, in exchanges of shots with troops; one at Umm Safah on escaping from arrest after an encounter; and one at Bir Beit on failing to stop when challenged.

7th July, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 165/36.

Jerusalem District.

An Arab was arrested by a detachment of military and police yesterday at Mazari en Nubani in possession of a rifle and some ammunition.

Shots were fired on a police patrol car on the Bethlehem Road last night. The fire was returned. There were no known casualties.

Southern District.

Yesterday when the Jaffa police went to search the house of an Arab who had been arrested on suspicion of having thrown a bomb, a second Arab threatened them with a knife. He was arrested.

Early last night a military patrol was fired on near Majdal Sadiq. The fire was returned. One British soldier was slightly wounded.

Some shots were fired and a hundred citrus trees cut near Bassat Rubin during the night. Trackers are following up clues left by the assailants.

Northern District.

The South-bound convoy was fired on by a band of Arabs yesterday afternoon between Anabta and Tulkarm. The escort replied, dispersing the gang. There were no known casualties.

Early last night an armed Arab band fired on Ain Harod settlement. They were dispersed by reinforcements of military, police and the T.J.F.F. There were no casualties.

Military patrols were fired on during the night between Jenin and Nablus and north of Khan Lubban and some shots were fired into the military camp at Nablus. In every case the fire was returned. There were no known casualties.

The police at Karkur Post were fired on during the night. They replied with rifles and Lewis guns and the attackers withdrew. There were no known casualties.

In Haifa, three Arabs were arrested in possession of a bomb and three others in the same connection. Two arrests were also made for intimidation.

The High Commissioner regrets to announce the death last night of Private Mavers of the Seaforth Highlanders who was wounded on Monday night, July 6th, between Tulkarm and Nablus.

A curfew order has been issued in respect of an area 1000 metres on each side of the following roads in the Samaria Division:-

- 1) From the southern side of the Jenin municipal area to Qalqilya - the municipal area of Tulkarm excepted;
- 2) From Deir Sharaf to Khan Lubban.

The hours of the curfew are from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m.

This order will take effect from tomorrow night - July 9th, 1936.

July 8th, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 166/36.

Southern District.

Early this afternoon an Arab goatherd of the Manshiya Quarter of Jaffa was shot dead near Matikva. His companion who escaped has stated that their assailants who fired five shots from automatic pistols were dressed in European clothes. The police are investigating.

This afternoon a military car patrol on the Hajjaj Sadiq-Lyddah road arrested three Arabs in possession of two rifles and some ammunition.

No incidents are reported from the Jerusalem or the Northern District since the issue of this afternoon's Communique.

July 8th, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 167/36

Jerusalem District

This morning the police arrested two Arabs near Deir Dibwan carrying rifles and ammunition.

A military and police patrol was fired on near Beitunia last night. No one was hit.

There was some shooting in the outskirts of Jerusalem before midnight. There were no casualties.

Southern District

Early this morning some shots were fired on a Police car Patrol near Ness Ziona. The fire was returned. There were no casualties, police casualties.

Northern District.

Some shots were fired during the night on Military road patrols near Sejera and north and south of Nablus. The troops replied in all three cases. There were no casualties among them.

Shots were also fired on S-fad where the troops and police returned the fire; and on Lajjun Police post where the police replied. There were no known casualties in either case.

July 9th, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 168/36

Jerusalem District

About 4 p.m. when a party of Jewish workers from the quarries near Motza were leaving for Jerusalem in the Motza bus, an armed Arab band opened fire on them at close range from the hill below Ain Karem. One man was killed, one severely wounded and four others slightly wounded. The Police and military arrived on the scene and saw the band making off towards Ain Karem. They are now following them up.

This morning near Jacob village a mounted Police patrol shot and wounded an Arab who was in possession of a rifle and ammunition.

No incidents are reported from the Northern or Southern Districts, since the issue of this afternoon's Communiqué.

9th. July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 169/36.

Jerusalem District.

A police party was fired on near Arza late last night. They returned the fire. There were no known casualties.

There was some shooting during the night in the outskirts and neighbourhood of Jerusalem.

Three men have been detained in connection with the incident yesterday afternoon when a Jewish bus was fired on at Motza.

Southern District.

Last night on the Majdal - Yabo-Lyddah road a military patrol was fired on by an armed band who also attempted to damage the road by explosives. The troops dispersed the band by fire. A British soldier was slightly wounded.

Northern District.

Early last night there was some shooting on Safad town to which the Military replied and later a police patrol was fired on near Jebel Canaan where a barrier had been placed across the road. They returned the fire. There were no known casualties in either case.

An arab has been arrested in Safad in possession of a supply of revolver ammunition.

During the night a military patrol was fired on between Jenin and Silat el Dhahr. The fire was returned. There were no military casualties.

Some shots were also fired on Qalmaniya, Herut, Gan Haiyia and Gan Sholomo settlements. The police returned the fire in every case. There were no casualties and no damage.

July 10th, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.170/36.

Jerusalem District.

Last evening a Mills Bomb was thrown at the Police Armoury, Russia Buildings, Jerusalem, causing insignificant damage.

Southern District.

No incidents are reported from the Southern District since the issue of this afternoon's Communique.

Northern District.

Early this morning near Dabburiya two Arabs fired on a police party from Nazareth who were investigating the theft of a horse. None of the Police were hit. They returned the fire and one Arab was severely wounded and both were captured. They were in possession of two rifles and a dagger and some ammunition.

At 12.15 p.m. today, the southbound convoy was fired upon near Fandaqumiya on the Jenin-Nablus Road. Two British soldiers were slightly wounded. A bus in the convoy got out of control and overturned. In this accident one Jewish passenger was killed and five other persons, including a British Policeman, were slightly injured. Military reinforcements were sent at once to the scene from Jenin and Nablus and engaged the assailants, of whom four were killed and a fifth who was carrying ammunition captured. It is believed that several others were wounded. Two rifles and one revolver and a quantity of ammunition were seized.

At 2.30 p.m. the same convoy was again fired on between Bir es Sheraf and Anabta. The escort dispersed the assailants and the convoy proceeded. There were no further casualties among the escort or passengers.

The northbound convoy was also fired on near Jenin. The assailants were dispersed by the military and there were no known casualties.

10th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 171/36.

Jerusalem District.

Late last night a military patrol was fired at on the Beersheba road south of Hebron. The troops replied. There were no casualties.

Southern District.

A Jewish coach-building factory and an adjacent timber yard, also belonging to Jews, in the Jaffa-Tel Aviv road were destroyed by fire during the night. The Police are investigating its origin.

One thousand three hundred trees were damaged during the night in an Arab orange grove at Kubeiba. The Police followed tracks and later nine arrests were made in Kubeiba village.

Two bombs exploded in Jaffa yesterday afternoon. No damage was done and an arrest was made in connection with each incident.

Last evening the police searched two Arab tents near Ekron in connection with recent shooting in the neighbourhood. A rifle was seized and four arrests were made.

A quantity of rifle ammunition was found by the Police early this morning during the search of a grove near Ni'aneh from which shooting had been reported on Ekron settlement. Four Arabs were arrested.

Northern District.

Early this morning a Jewish watchman on patrol was shot and seriously wounded by unknown persons near Zichron Yacov.

Three Arabs were arrested during the night in connection with two small fires in Haifa which were put out before damage was done.

A villager of Al Zib was arrested after a police search had discovered a rifle and some dynamite in his garden.

A bomb exploded in a private Jewish house in Tiberias. No one was hurt and no damage was done.

Military patrols were fired on during the night at three places on the road north and south of Nablus. The troops replied. There were no known casualties.

11th July, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 172/36.

Jerusalem District.

To-day police dogs tracked an armed Arab gang which had attacked a military patrol last night on the Hebron road, and in a courtyard at Halhul village ammunition was found similar to that fired on the troops. One arrest was made. The investigations are continuing.

Southern District.

When a bomb exploded today in Jaffa, an Arab whose hand had been blown off, was arrested. A second bomb was found in his possession.

During the last two days there have been some attempts at sabotage on the railway line between Gaza and the frontier. Only insignificant damage was done and traffic has not been interrupted.

Northern District.

Early last night some shots were fired in to the military camp at Nablus, and a British soldier was wounded. The troops replied.

11th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 173/36.

Jerusalem District.

Some shots were fired on Neve Yacov settlement early last evening and later on the returning Milk convoy from Jerusalem. The Police and Military replied. There were no casualties.

About midday a Jew was shot and severely wounded in the Mamilla Road. He is now in hospital. The police are following up certain clues.

Southern District.

Yesterday afternoon during search operations near Khulda, the police arrested an Arab from Na'ana village on whose donkey a sword and a considerable amount of ammunition was found.

An Arab was arrested in the Jabbaliya Quarter of Jaffa in possession of a rifle and ammunition.

An Arab encampment near Ekron was also searched early in the evening. During the search the Police were fired on. They replied wounding and arresting an Arab who was carrying a rifle and ammunition. There were no police casualties. The wounded man, who had previously escaped from the Central Prison, Jerusalem, where he was serving a sentence for murder, subsequently died in hospital.

About midnight a military patrol on the Majdal Yaba-Lyddah road was heavily fired on near Qula village whence there had been firing on Military patrols for successive nights. The troops replied and later searched a house from which firing had come. Some live and expended ammunition was found and four arrests were made. Subsequently when the whole village was searched by the troops, it was found that during the firing, some casualties had occurred. A further report will be issued this evening when the facts have been ascertained.

Northern District.

Yesterday afternoon near Maghar a police party which was investigating a cattle theft from Migdal was fired on by an armed Arab band estimated to be about thirty strong. The fire was returned. There were no police casualties. Later military patrols from Nazareth and Safed and a police patrol from Tiberias searched the area but the band had dispersed. It is not known whether they suffered casualties.

During the night there were several incidents of sporadic shooting at Jewish settlements and police posts in the Plain of Jezreel and in the Tiberias area. In most cases the police replied. There were no casualties anywhere among the police or the settlers.

12th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 174/36.

Jerusalem District.

As from tonight the hours of curfew on the Jerusalem - Jaffa Road will be from 7 p.m. to 3.30 a.m. instead of from 7 p.m. to 4.30 a.m.

Two revolver shots were fired at a Jew near the Schneller Quarter shortly after midday. He was not hit. His assailant made off but the Police have a description of him.

Southern District.

This afternoon in Lydda station a Jewish telephone operator of the Railway exchange was wounded by a British soldier through the accidental discharge of a revolver. He has since died. The soldier has been arrested and an enquiry is being held.

The following casualties are reported in Qula village as a result of the shooting which occurred when a Military patrol was fired upon on the Majdal Yaba-Lydda Road last night which was reported in this afternoon's communique. A child and a woman were killed; A man and a woman were seriously wounded; and two men were slightly wounded.

Northern District.

Last night a Police patrol car was fired on near Acre. The police replied. During the shooting a child who was asleep in a hut near by was killed by a stray bullet.

A military patrol was fired on near Safad and replied inflicting, it is believed, injuries on the assailants.

A Police patrol was shot at near Selfit by an armed gang. They replied dispersing the band which led leaving behind a rifle and some ammunition.

The Haifa police to-day arrested an Arab who was in possession of a quantity of ammunition.

12th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 175/36.

Jerusalem District.

Last night there was some firing for about an hour on Lower Motza Settlement. The troops replied. There were no known casualties.

Before midnight a few shots were fired and some stones were thrown at Deir es Sheikh Railway Station. No casualties occurred and no damage was done.

Early in the evening a bomb exploded in Bethlehem breaking some windows but otherwise doing no damage.

Southern District.

Towards midnight some shots were fired on the military guard on the train which was derailed north of Lydda on June 26th. The troops replied. There were no casualties among them.

Northern District.

In Haifa yesterday afternoon a bomb was thrown into an empty bus causing some damage. No one was injured.

During a search by the police and military of Yirka village early this morning an Arab was arrested in whose house were found two bombs, a revolver and some ammunition.

During the night an Arab was arrested in connection with some firing on a grove near Tel Mond.

Some shots were fired on the Military camp at Tulkarm, on the Police post at Lajjun, at a military patrol near Jenin and at a police patrol near Tiroh. The police and military replied. They suffered no casualties.

13th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 176/36.

Jerusalem District.

There are no incidents to report in the Jerusalem District since the issue of this afternoon's communique.

Southern District.

Three bombs exploded harmlessly in Jaffa during the day.

Northern District.

The owner of a house in Umm Al Fahm, in which rifle, a revolver and some ammunition was found, was arrested this morning.

Two days ago an armed Arab band comprising some villagers of Mujidal and some from outside, compelled the inhabitants of the village to make a forced contribution towards the funds supporting the gangs. Yesterday a party of the Military and the police surrounded the village and paraded all the male inhabitants. Seven men were identified as having been members of the band which had extorted the money on the previous night. They were arrested and further police investigations are being made.

This afternoon a party of the Royal Corps of Signals which was repairing telephone wires near Jenin, was fired on by an armed Arab band. Information was sent to the Loyal Regiment in Jenin who were quickly on the scene. They surrounded the band, killing seven of them, wounding one and capturing five rifles. One British soldier was very slightly wounded.

13th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.177/36.

Jerusalem District.

Yesterday evening a bomb exploded harmlessly in Bethlehem.

A supernumerary Arab Policeman was slightly injured yesterday by the accidental explosion of a bomb at Saris.

Northern District.

This morning in Acre Station a bomb which had been left under a seat in a passenger coach, exploded doing some material damage. No one was injured.

Yesterday afternoon military forces from Safad, Roshpina and Nazareth and Police forces from Safad located and engaged an armed Arab band south of Safad town. The band was dispersed and two Arabs were killed. Two rifles and some ammunition were seized. There were no casualties among the troops or police but when the former were returning to Nazareth, one of the troop-carrying lorries overturned and the High Commissioner regrets to announce that Sergeant Harrison of the York and Lancaster Regiment was killed in the accident.

Early this morning a railway bridge between Tulkarm and Qalqiliya was damaged by explosives.

During the night some shots were fired at the Kiryat Samuel Quarter in Tiberias and at Ain Harod Settlement. The Police and Military replied. No casualties occurred.

Towards midnight an armed Arab band forcibly entered two houses in Kafr Kanna and purloined some money and clothing.

Southern District.

Yesterday morning following on the incidents which were reported in the Official Communiqué No.173 of July 12th when a military patrol had been heavily fired on from Qula, an inquiry was held by the District Commissioner at the village itself and conclusive evidence was obtained by investigation on the spot definitely identifying four houses from which shots had been fired on the troops. These four houses were thereupon demolished.

A bomb exploded during the night in Jaffa breaking some windows but otherwise doing no damage. No one was hurt.

During the night some shots were fired on Hatikva and Kafr Saba settlements and in the vicinity of Givat Michel. In each case the Police replied. There were no casualties among the Police or settlers.

In last night's communiqué it was reported in error that the party repairing the telephone wires which was fired on by an armed Arab band near Jenin, belonged to the Royal Corps of Signals. The party actually was composed of linemen of the Palestine Posts and Telegraph Administration and was accompanied by a military escort.

14th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.178/36.
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Jerusalem District.

An Arab was arrested in Taiyiba, near Ramalla, in possession of a rifle and ammunition.

Southern District.

About midday today two Arabs were arrested near Barona. They were in possession of a revolver some ammunition and two daggers.

Northern District.

There was a demonstration in Safed this morning on the occasion of the arrival of the bodies of the two Arabs who, as reported in this afternoon's communiqué, were killed yesterday in the operations near the town. A few shots were fired and there was some stone throwing. Later a large crowd assembled in the cemetery. It subsequently dispersed without incident. There were no casualties among the troops or the police or the crowds.

14th July, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 179/36.

Jerusalem District.

Early this morning a Military patrol was heavily fired on between Ain Sinia and Ain Al Haramiya on the Nablus road, by a large armed Arab band. The troops returned the fire, inflicting, it is believed, several casualties. In the course of the engagement two lorries ran into a ditch. Military reinforcements proceeded to the scene and are searching the area. Two British officers and a Jewish driver were slightly wounded.

Yesterday some shots were fired on the evening train from Lydda to Jerusalem. The military escort on the train and the accompanying aeroplanes replied. There were no casualties on the train.

This morning an Arab was arrested in Kolonia in possession of a rifle and some ammunition.

Southern District.

Yesterday afternoon a few shots were fired on the Beit Vegan bus. There were no casualties. As a result of subsequent police investigations, a wall was demolished from behind which it had been observed some of the shots had been fired.

During the last twenty-four hours two Arabs were arrested in Jaffa, each in possession of a rifle and ammunition.

During the night military patrols were fired on near Gaza and on the Jerusalem - Jaffa road. They replied in both cases. There were no casualties among the troops.

Northern District.

Yesterday afternoon between Givat Ada and Benjamina, some telephone wires were found cut. Trucks were followed to an Arab village where two Arabs were arrested in possession of a pair of cutting pliers. They confessed to having cut the wires.

A bomb exploded early last night outside the District Commissioner's office, Acre, and another, shortly after midnight, in Haifa. Slight material damage was done. No one was hurt.

A few shots were fired into the Military Camp at Nablus during the night. The troops replied. No casualties are reported.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 180/36.

There are no incidents to report from the Jerusalem District since the issue of this afternoon's Communique.

Southern District.

Last night a road-bridge between Beersheba and Hebron was damaged by explosives.

During last night in the Gaza sub-district some shots were fired on the Imperial Airways Camp at Gaza and on a military railway patrol between Gaza and Majdal. In each case the fire was returned. No casualties are reported.

Northern District.

Today a fine of LP 60, of which LP 20 was at once collected, was imposed on Majdal Kurum on the Acre-Safad road, near which some stones were thrown and two shots fired yesterday at a Public Works Department Camp working in the vicinity.

15th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 181/36.

Jerusalem District.

Early last night some shots were fired on Arza Sanatorium and Neve Yacov Settlement. The Police replied. There were no casualties.

This morning an Arab was arrested in the Sha ma'a quarter of Jerusalem for destroying some fruit - the property of another Arab.

Southern District.

An Arab was arrested near Beit Dajan yesterday afternoon in possession of a revolver and ammunition.

Early this morning a military patrol was fired on by an armed Arab band near Ben Shimon. They replied with Lewis guns and rifle grenades. There were no casualties among the troops.

During the night there was some firing on Tel Litwinsky settlement and on Neve Shaanan in Tel Aviv. The police replied in both cases. They are also investigating the origin of some firing on Tel Mond settlement from north of the Juja river. There were no casualties in any of these incidents.

Northern District.

A military patrol was fired on near Mizpah settlement near Nazareth, and replied with machine gun fire. A British soldier was slightly wounded.

Before midnight some shots were fired on the Jewish quarter in Tiberias. The Police replied. There were no casualties.

16th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 182/36

Apart from two attempts at sabotage on the railway line in the Gaza sub-district one of which slightly damaged some sleepers, and the ineffective explosion of four bombs in Gaza itself there are no incidents to report throughout the country since the issue of this afternoon's communiqué.

16th. July, 1936.

بلاغ رسمي رقم ٢٦/١٨٢

ليست هنالك أنباء وضع عن وقوع حوادث في عموم البلاد منذ صدور البلاغ الرسمي بعد ظهر اليوم سوى محاولتين لتخريب خط السكة الحديدية في قضاء غزة نتج عنهما سرطفت لموارث السكة الانفجار اربع غنابل في غزة نفسها دون حدوث خراب.

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הודעה רשמית מספר 182/36

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16 ביולי, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.183/36.

Jerusalem District.

Last night shots were , fired on a military patrol on the Isetrun-Ramallah road. The troops replied. There were no casualties.

Southern District.

An Arab was arrested yesterday afternoon near Beit Dejan in possession of a quantity of rifle ammunition.

There was some firing, to which the Police replied, on the Hatikva quarter in Jaffa during the night, and on Gaza Railway Station. There were no casualties in either place.

Two bombs exploded on the Gaza-Beersheba road last night and one in Gaza itself near the Allenby Statue. They caused no damage.

Northern District.

Three arrests were made this morning for intimidation near the Haifa Municipality Building.

During the night a few shots were fired into the Bab Wadijan Quarter of Tiberias. The police replied. A Jewess was slightly injured. There were no other casualties.

Some shots were also fired at an Arab grove in Kafr Saba early this morning.

An unsuccessful attempt was made yesterday afternoon to tamper with the railway track near Jiljiliya.

Yesterday a joint operation by the Police and the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force succeeded in capturing and confiscating a flock of one hundred sheep, forty of which had been stolen by an armed Arab band, on July 15th from the Delhamys settlement. Their tracks were followed over the Trans-Jordan Frontier into Wadi Arab where the pursuing party was fired on by the robbers. The police replied whereupon the band decamped abandoning the sheep in their flight. There were no casualties among the Police or the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force.

17th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.184/36.

Jerusalem District.

An Arab who had destroyed a quantity of fruit belonging to another Arab, was arrested in the Old City this morning.

Southern District.

An Arab was arrested this afternoon in Jaffa carrying a revolver and ammunition.

Northern District.

During last night thirty dunams of three-year old orange trees were uprooted at Gan Naftali.

This afternoon the South bound convoy was fired on between Anehta and Tulkarm. The escort replied. There were no casualties. Troops from Nablus are investigating.

During the night the Oil Pipe Line was slightly damaged by a rifle bullet at Kawkab el Howa near Beisan. It was quickly repaired.

Early this morning a flour mill in Majeidal was damaged by a fire which, it is believed, was started by the explosion of a bomb.

This afternoon three Jewish labourers who were proceeding by car from Meretz "B" Settlement to Hajara, were fired on by unknown assailants from a grove. One Jew was killed. The Assistant Superintendent of Police, Tulkarm is investigating on the scene.

17th July, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 185/36.

Jerusalem District.

An Arab was arrested this morning in Talpith in possession of some ammunition.

Some shots were fired early last night at a Police and Military patrol on the Hebron Road. They replied. There were no casualties.

Southern District.

This morning the police in the course of a raid on a general store in Gaza discovered forty-nine bombs hidden in a pile of chaff.

Yesterday afternoon a police and military patrol arrested two Arabs in Jaffa, one of whom was in possession of a revolver and ammunition.

Single and ineffective explosions of bombs are reported during the night in Gaza, Beersheba, Khan Yunis and on the outskirts of Tel Aviv where a second bomb did not explode.

Northern District.

A small armed Arab band fired some shots early last night into Heshar Yajour settlement and the Karaman Quarries. The Police and Military searched the area but the band had dispersed. There were no casualties.

An Arab was arrested in Haifa yesterday for incitement after the mid-day prayers.

A few shots were fired and a bomb exploded in Acre last night. The police replied with Lewis guns. There were no casualties.

Some shots were fired during the night into the military camp at Nablus and at a military post between Nablus and Khan Lubban. The fire was returned. There were no casualties among the troops.

About midnight, a police car patrol was fired on by a party of armed Arabs when near Maabareth settlement in the Tulkarm sub-district. The police replied. They suffered no casualties.

About midnight last night an Arab band was dispersed by police fire in the hills above Tiroh. There were no casualties among the Police.

13th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.186/36.

Jerusalem District.

This morning a fine of LP.200 was imposed on Halhul village near Hebron from which shooting had been directed at the troops. The fine was collected in money in full.

Southern District.

Early this morning a large bomb was found buried in the sand in the neighbourhood of Apak police post Tel Aviv. It was connected with a considerable length of wire presumably with the intention of its being operated electrically. The Police are investigating.

Following on the discovery of the supply of bombs at Gaza this morning which was reported in this afternoon's communiqué the owner of the property on which they were found has been arrested.

There are no incidents to report from the Northern District since the issue of this afternoon's communiqué.

18th July, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 187/36.

Jerusalem District.

An Armenian was arrested early yesterday afternoon in Jerusalem in possession of some ammunition.

Shots were fired at a Police patrol on the Latron-Ramallah Road last night. The fire was returned. There were no casualties among the police.

There was also some shooting at Dilb Settlement to which the police replied. There were no casualties.

A private car was set on fire and damaged in the Baka'a Quarter this morning.

Southern District.

Two suspects were arrested in connection with the firing of some shots at the Assef Police Post.

The police have seized some shells and a quantity of gunpowder in Gaza.

Four Arabs were arrested in Petach Tikvah in possession of 760 rounds of ammunition.

Single bombs exploded ineffectively in Gaza, Beersheba and Tel Aviv last night. No one was injured.

Northern District.

An armed Arab mob attacked a Jewish shop in Jier El Hajami early this morning. They broke some of the stock but their attempt to burn the premises failed. A party of the Transjordan Frontier Force proceeded to the scene but the band had dispersed. The police are investigating.

During the night a rail was removed from the Haifa-Lyddah track near Qaqun, causing the partial derailment of a Military Patrol train. Shots were fired on the train after the derailment. There were no casualties.

The police arrested an Arab on Mount Carmel in possession of a gun and ammunition, and a Jew in Haifa in possession of a revolver.

Some shots were fired at Qalmaniya settlement early last night, to which the police replied. One Jewish watchman was slightly wounded.

During the night armed bands fired at Ain Harod and Ramat Hakovesh settlements. The troops replied in both cases. There were no casualties among them or the settlers.

19th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 188/36.

Jerusalem District.

Last night two Jewish private watchmen on duty for the first time in a quarry were arrested in possession of unlicensed revolvers. One had a bomb in his possession.

This morning two Arabs were arrested at Ramalla. One was in possession of a revolver and ammunition: the other of a dagger.

Early this afternoon a Mills bomb was thrown into a bus on the Jaffa Road at Romema by an Arab who was seen escaping. It failed to explode.

No incidents are reported from the Southern and Northern Districts since the issue of this afternoon's communique.

19th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 189/36.

Jerusalem District.

Early last night the Potash Convey from the Dead Sea was fired on by an armed Arab band near the Inn of the Good Samaritan. The escorting aeroplane answered the convey's very light signal; located the band which was about fifteen strong; engaged them, and it is believed inflicted seven casualties. There were no casualties in the convey or in the plane.

Last night a private car travelling alone on the Jerusalem-Jaffa road was fired on near Bab el Wad. No one was injured. Later, near the same place, a Military Patrol was also fired on. They replied. There were no casualties among the troops.

During the night some shots were fired on a Police and Military patrol near Hebron. They replied. A British soldier was very slightly wounded.

A military patrol near Ain el Haramiya was also fired on. They replied. There were no casualties among the troops.

A private car belonging to the Ethiopian Consul in the Mammar Quarter was destroyed by fire this morning.

Southern District.

An Arab in possession of a rifle and ammunition was arrested near Bashi't this morning.

A bomb exploded ineffectively during the night near Beit Vegen and two others on the railway between Majdal and Gaza, one of which slightly damaged a bridge without interrupting traffic.

At Lydda station some shots were fired and a squib exploded about midnight. The Military Guard replied. There were no casualties and no damage was done.

Northern District.

A Jewish watchman was slightly wounded by unknown persons firing near Haneun in the Tulkarm Sub-District.

Four Arabs driving in a car near Acre were arrested. One was in possession of a loaded revolver.

An Arab band destroyed by fire a stone-crushing machine near Hajjal Kurum. The police are investigating.

During the night, shots were fired on Mizpah settlement and on the Police Station and Military camp in Tulkarm. The fire was returned. There were no casualties.

Fifteen canams of fruit trees were destroyed in Hartiya settlement during the night.

20th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 190/36.

Northern District.

The I.P.C. pipe-line was slightly damaged by a bullet near Mahne Israel. The damage is now under repair.

This afternoon both South and North bound convoys were fired on between Anabta and Deir Sharaf. The escort replied. There were no casualties.

Southern District.

Two bombs exploded in Jaffa, one harmlessly, behind the Central Police Station and the other near the Anglo-Palestine Bank causing the breakage of a few window-panes. No one was hurt.

Jerusalem District.

No incidents are reported.

20-7-36

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.191/36.

For General Information.

As from today the Official Communiqué will be issued once only during the twenty four hours.

It will contain information received daily from noon to noon and will be broadcast by the Palestine Broadcasting Service at 2 p.m. and again at 8.55 p.m.

Should it be considered advisable to publish information of importance at times other than 2 p.m. daily, such announcements as are necessary will be broadcast with the evening news at 8.55 p.m. and the report in question will be included in the Official Communiqué of the following day.

Jerusalem District.

Yesterday afternoon a Police and Military Patrol on the Nablus road, fired at five Arabs who were seen to be armed and who refused to halt. One Arab fell and it is believed he was wounded.

Some shots to which the troops replied were fired at Arza Sanatorium before midnight. There were no casualties among the troops.

A military patrol was fired on north of Ramalla on the Nablus Road. There were no military casualties.

Southern District.

Early last night a Jewish farm-hut was set on fire and destroyed at Bir Yacov settlement. Shots were fired on the settlers who attempted to put out the fire. The supernumerary Police replied. There were no casualties among the Police or the settlers.

An Arab was arrested early last night in the Manshiya Quarter, Jaffa, carrying a bomb.

An Arab was arrested last night in Beersheba in the act of attempting to damage the Police Canteen with a bomb which was at once rendered harmless, and did not explode.

Northern District.

Two Arabs were arrested at Yafa early this morning in possession of a rifle and some ammunition.

A military railway patrol was fired on near Qalqiliya Station, about midnight. Three men have been detained. There were no casualties among the troops.

Three Jewish supernumerary policemen were fired on by a small armed party when they were going on duty early last night at Even Yehuda. One of them was shot dead. His two companions fired on the assailants who escaped.

Some shots were fired during the night on Kefr Baruch settlement to which the watchmen replied. There were no casualties.

21st July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 192/36.

Jerusalem District.

Two Arabs were arrested yesterday in Turmus Aiya, one of whom was in possession of four rifles and some ammunition while two bombs were found in the house of the other. A third Arab was arrested at Ibwoin in possession of a revolver.

Yesterday afternoon an elderly Jew was shot and seriously wounded near Schneller's Orphanage, Jerusalem.

This morning a convoy was fired on near Bab el Wad on the Jerusalem-Jaffa Road. One British soldier was wounded, and a Jewish driver very slightly wounded.

Southern District.

During the night a few shots were fired on a Police traffic control post near Jaffa. The Police replied. There were no casualties among them.

Three bombs exploded ineffectively in Gaza and one in Beersheba. No one was hurt.

Northern District.

Yesterday afternoon near Acre two Arabs were arrested who were intimidating a shopkeeper.

During the night some shots were fired in Jenin and at the Kadoorie School, Mount Tabor, and Gasher settlement. The Police replied. There were no casualties.

About midnight, a Jew was slightly wounded when shots were fired at Kiryat Shmuel, Tiberias.

An armed Arab band fired at Migdal settlement last night. The watchmen returned the fire seriously wounding one of them.

A bomb exploded in Safad early last night. Some slight damage was done to a house. No one was injured.

22nd July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.193/36.

Jerusalem District.

Yesterday afternoon an Arab was arrested near Yatta in possession of a rifle and ammunition.

During the night a home-made bomb was thrown into a private Jewish house in the Shamaa Quarter of Jerusalem. The fuse which became detached from the bomb was extinguished by the owner of the house. No damage or injury occurred.

Two Arab men and an Arab woman were arrested this morning for intimidating Arab vegetable carriers in the old city.

Southern District.

A small fire which was put out with only slight damage to some stock, occurred yesterday in a wine store in Jaffa. Arson is suspected.

Two bombs exploded and some shots were fired near Beit Vegan early last night. The Police replied. There were no casualties.

Five bombs also exploded ineffectively in Gaza. No one was hurt.

Four Arabs, of whom three were carrying ammunition and the fourth a bomb, were arrested in Ness Ziona last night.

A few shots were fired at Kiryat Shmuel and near Petach Tikvah during the night. The Police and watchmen replied. There were no casualties among them or the settlers.

Northern District. As already reported in last night's broadcast

Early yesterday morning a military patrol returning from Qaqun towards Tulkarm was suddenly fired on at close range by an armed Arab band. The High Commissioner regrets to announce that Private R. Holmes of the Lincolnshire Regiment was instantly killed. Four other soldiers of the same regiment were wounded - two of them seriously. The patrol at once replied and dispersed the band, inflicting, it is believed, three casualties.

An Arab was arrested in Haifa last night in connection with a bomb found in a café.

Yesterday afternoon two Arabs who were throwing stones at a bus in Haifa, were arrested.

During the night before last thirty dunams of fruit trees were cut in the Government grove at Farwani in the Beisan sub-district, and last night eleven dunams of orange trees were destroyed at Meretz "B" settlement. The Police are investigating both incidents.

A mounted Police patrol arrested an Arab carrying a quantity of ammunition near Nazareth last night.

A military patrol was fired on between Deir Sharaf and Nablus before midnight. They replied. There were no casualties among the troops.

23rd July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No.194/30.

The 'Palestine Post' stated in today's issue that it was revealed before the Chief Magistrate in Jerusalem, at the hearing of an extradition case in respect of one Jacob Arno, that deserters from the French Foreign Legion stationed in Syria have crossed the Syrian-Palestine frontier carrying arms. The article also mentioned that, according to Arno, he and several comrades had lived with Arabs in the north for over a month. It also stated that the Arabs fed, lodged and paid the deserters for services not specified in court.

The whole content of the newspaper report is false with the exception of the reason for the prisoner's appearance in court namely that he is wanted by the Syrian authorities for attempted murder. No statements such as mentioned in the paper were made in court, the proceedings of which were confined to a statement by the Police of the reason for the remand and questions by the British Magistrate to the prisoner as to whether he required bail. No members of the public or reporters were present during the proceedings.

23rd July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 195/36.

Jerusalem District.

Yesterday morning three villagers were arrested in Lifta where a search by the police discovered two revolvers and some ammunition.

After some shots had been fired on a police patrol near Kaar Nahmen early this morning, three Arabs were arrested in possession of tools, shells, bullets and cartridge cases.

Southern District.

About mid-day yesterday a bomb was thrown into a Jewish childrens' school on the borders of Tel Aviv. Seven children were injured - none of them seriously. In the ensuing confusion, a suspected Arab managed to escape. Three Arabs were arrested yesterday after a bomb had burst near the Jaffa Governorate, doing some slight material damage.

To-day another bomb exploded in a Jaffa street slightly damaging one Arab and two Jewish shops.

Early yesterday morning a Jewish woman was slightly wounded at Kafr Saba as a result of the accidental discharge of a bullet from a Military machine gun.

Northern District.

Yesterday afternoon in Haifa an Arab was detained in connection with a primitive bomb explosion at the Khayat Building, which did slight material damage.

Early this morning in Haifa an Arab constable was wounded by a revolver shot from an Arab whom he was searching. He fired in reply killing his assailant and wounding two other persons.

During the night some shots were fired at Safad and in Deisan. The Police and Military replied. They suffered no casualties.

Early yesterday morning a military patrol near Jiljiliya fired on and killed an Arab who failed to halt when challenged.

Before midnight some shots were fired and a hut was set on fire at Kfar Yavetz settlement in the Tulkarm sub-district. The watchmen replied. There were no casualties among them or the settlers.

24th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 196/36.

Jerusalem District.

In the district during the last twenty four hours three Arabs were arrested for intimidation of street-sellers, one for incitement, two for being in illegal possession of firearms, and one for assaulting the police in the execution of their duty.

During the night a military patrol on the Beersheba road was fired on by an armed band. They replied and it is believed, inflicted three casualties. None of the troops was hit.

A military and police patrol detected a small Arab armed party escaping from Kafr Nisar village in the Ramallah district and fired on it wounding one man.

Southern District.

In the district during the last twenty four hours, two Arabs have been arrested in connection with the bomb thrown at the Jewish school on the 23rd, eleven for intimidation of street-sellers and one for being in illegal possession of firearms.

Last night a bomb exploded in Jaffa in a house wounding an Arab man and an Arab woman, and this morning the explosion of another bomb also in Jaffa wounded two more Arabs.

Early this morning two Arabs were seriously wounded on the Old Petach Tikvah road. One of them had a bomb in his possession. Police are investigating.

Northern District.

Early last night a goods train was derailed as a result of sabotage near Ras al Ain. No one was injured. Repairs are in hand and the line will be open early this afternoon.

Early this morning a military motor patrol was fired on by armed Arabs near Ras Amer. They pursued their assailants into the hills and, it is believed, killed two of them.

Shortly after midnight a private car was fired on between Bitanya settlement and Samakh. No one was hurt. A detachment of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force and two aeroplanes followed up the assailants and it is believed that two casualties were inflicted by air-action.

25th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 197/36.

During the last twenty four hours five Arabs have been arrested in various parts of the country in the illegal possession of arms. A police search in Jerusalem also discovered three revolvers and some ammunition in a café, while near Jisr el Majmal, where a military railway patrol was fired on, during subsequent operations by the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, a bomb, some cartridges and two sticks of gelignite were found.

During the night shots were fired on Jebel Canaan, Zibuta Hazardiah and Dalhamiya settlements to which the police replied. Elsewhere in the Plain of Jezreel and in the vicinity of Jerusalem, a few isolated shots were fired on some settlements. In no case were there any casualties among the police or settlers.

A small hut in Rishon le Zion was set on fire and destroyed yesterday afternoon.

Two military patrols - one between Sarems and Tel Litwinsky and the other near Deir Sharaf - were fired on and returned the fire during the night. The troops suffered no casualties.

Last night a Samaritan from whom money was demanded by two unknown Arabs in Nablus, was shot at by one of them and slightly wounded.

27.7.1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 198/36.

Eight Arabs were arrested during the past twenty-four hours in various parts of the country in illegal possession of firearms and explosives, and five on suspicion of being concerned in acts of sabotage and shooting.

As reported in last evening's broadcast shots were fired early yesterday afternoon at the Jaffa convoy near Bab el Wad on the Jaffa-Jerusalem road. The escort replied. There were no casualties among the escort or passengers. Aeroplanes were at once on the scene and located the band and took air-action, killing two men. Shortly after, a detachment of the Dorset Regiment arrived and, with aircraft co-operation, surrounded and engaged the band. In the ensuing operations, nine further Arabs were killed and eleven rifles and a quantity of ammunition were seized. There were no casualties among the troops.

During the last twenty four hours slight damage was done in two places to the I.P.C. Pipe line. Repairs have already been effected. The police are following tracks.

During the night shots were fired at Safed and Beersheva and at QILALIYA, BEIT ALPHIL, RAHIT EL-KOVESH and YAFER settlements. The Police and troops returned the fire and there were no casualties among them or the settlers.

Following on the derailment of a goods train on the Haifa-Lydda line on July 24th, collective fines of £100 each have been imposed on JILJILIYA and QILALIYA.

This morning two British soldiers who were escorting railway gangers on the Haifa-Lydda line between QILQUN and JILJILIYA approached three Arabs who were acting suspiciously, to search them. The three Arabs fired, wounding the two soldiers. Action is being taken against the assailants whose direction of flight is known.

Two corrections are notified.

(1) Official Communique No. 176/36 of July 18th.

Aircraft, operating with the troops near Jenin when seven Arabs were killed, now report the following further Arab casualties:- four killed and four wounded.

(2) Official Communique No. 189/36 of July 20th.

It was reported that it was believed that during an attack on the Potash convoy on July 19th on the Jenin Road, seven casualties were inflicted by air-action. It has since been ascertained that one of the assailants was killed and five wounded.

27th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 199/36.

Curfew Order.

As from to-day curfew will be imposed between the hours of 7 p.m. and 3.30 a.m. within an area extending five hundred metres on either side of the Jerusalem-Nablus Road from the Jerusalem Municipal area to kilometre 42, EXCLUDING (not including as previously stated in error in the broadcast news last night and in a notice to the press) the municipal area of Ramallah and the village built-on areas.

Late yesterday afternoon a military detachment proceeding on duty was fired on near LEIT WAZAN just north of Nablus. Fire was returned and the band withdrew. With the assistance of aircraft, it is believed that several Arab casualties were inflicted. None of the troops was hit.

During the night a Jewish packing shed was set on fire and destroyed in NESS ZIONA.

During the past twenty four hours shots were fired on MEZRAH and HISHA settlements in the Plain of JEBZEEL and on KATAMUN and UPPER MOTZA near Jerusalem. The military and police replied and at KATAMUN an Arab was arrested in illegal possession of a rifle and a quantity of ammunition.

In Tiberias yesterday there was a demonstration of Arab boys - one of whom was arrested - and some stone throwing which caused slight casualties to two Palestinian constables and two Arabs and two Jews. Two arrests were made. This morning there was a recurrence of stone-throwing. The police intervened and dispersed the crowds. There was also a minor demonstration yesterday in Acre which was dispersed after one arrest had been made.

Some shots were fired yesterday afternoon on the Haila Assistant District Commissioner's car near Jenin. His escort replied. There were no casualties in his party, except for one man whose car was slightly grazed.

In addition to those already mentioned, three Arabs were arrested in Khan Yunis for endeavouring to interfere with the police.

Owing to the necessity for adjusting the P.B.S. Transmitter, tomorrow's Official Communique will be broadcast only at 8.55 p.m. and not at 2 p.m.

28th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 200/36.

Shortly before noon yesterday, a police motor patrol was fired at on the Nablus Road near HAWARA. They replied with Lewis gun and rifle fire, killing three Arabs, arresting one and capturing four rifles and a large quantity of ammunition.

The High Commissioner regrets to announce that British Police Constable Christopher Wren was fatally wounded during this stage of the operation. Another British constable was slightly wounded at the same time.

A detachment of the Seaforth Highlanders was quickly on the scene and engaged the band in the hills, killing three and capturing four rifles and some ammunition. Aircraft co-operated and in a separate operation inflicted four more casualties among members of the band as it dispersed.

There were no casualties among the troops.

Early yesterday morning a detachment of the Lincolnshire Regiment was fired on near KAPR EL LABAD. They returned fire killing two and wounding one of the Arab band. An armoured car detachment continued the engagement in the hills inflicting three more casualties among the members of the band as they tried to escape. Simultaneously aeroplanes followed up the pursuit and, it is believed, inflicted another fifteen casualties. One British soldier was slightly wounded.

Yesterday evening a Jewish timber yard and a cement factory were considerably damaged in Tel Aviv by fire. The police are investigating.

Early this morning there was a recurrence of stone-throwing by Arabs in Tiborias and some shots were fired from Jewish houses. Later five Jewish shops were burned in the BUK. For a short time a state of some tension existed but on the arrival of further military and police detachments from Nazareth the situation eased and is now in hand.

During the past twenty-four hours, five Arabs have been arrested for intimidation, one in possession of explosives and two for suspected arson.

29th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.201/36.

This afternoon the Secretary of State for the Colonies made the following statement in the House of Commons:-

"His Majesty has been pleased to approve the appointment of the following to serve on the Palestine Royal Commission.

The Right Honourable the Earl Peel,
G.C.S.I., G.B.E.

The Right Honourable Sir Horace Rumbold, Baronet,
G.C.B., G.C.M.G., M.V.O.

Sir Laurie Hammond,
K.C.S.I., C.B.E.

Sir Morris Carter, C.B.E.

Sir Harold Morris, M.B.E., K.C.

Professor Reginald Coupland, C.I.E.

Lord Peel will be Chairman of the Commission and Sir Horace Rumbold vice Chairman. Mr. J.M.Martin of the Colonial Office will be Secretary.

The terms of reference of the Royal Commission will be:-

"To ascertain the underlying causes of the disturbances which broke out in Palestine in the middle of April; to enquire into the manner in which the Mandate for Palestine is being implemented in relation to the obligations of the Mandatory towards the Arabs and the Jews respectively; and to ascertain whether, upon a proper construction of the terms of the Mandate, either the Arabs or the Jews have any legitimate grievances on account of the way in which the Mandate has been, or is being, implemented; and if the Commission is satisfied that any such grievances are well-founded, to make recommendations for their removal and for the prevention of their recurrence".

It is not yet possible to state on what date the Commission will leave for Palestine but it is not proposed that the Commission should begin its work in Palestine until order is restored there. When a Royal Commission has been appointed, it has complete control over its own proceedings, so it would be impossible for me to give even an approximate indication of the time which will elapse before the report of the Commission will become available.

As regards the suggestion that there should be a temporary suspension of Immigration while the Commission is carrying out its enquiry, I am unable to add anything to the full reply which I gave on 22nd July to the question by the Honourable Member for the Consett Division of Durham".

The following is the text of the Secretary of State's reply in the House of Commons on July 22nd, referred to above:-

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"As I informed the House on the 19th of June, His Majesty's Government can contemplate no change of policy whatsoever with regard to Palestine until they have received and considered the Report of the Royal Commission. As regards, however, the suggestion that there should be a temporary suspension of immigration while the Commission is carrying out its inquiry, I am not at present in a position to make any statement as to the intentions of His Majesty's Government beyond saying that their decision will be taken in due course on the merits of the case, and that there is no question of it being influenced by violence or attempts at intimidation".

All the members of the Commission have offered their services to His Majesty's Government and to Palestine gratuitously and will receive no emoluments.

Biographical notes on the members of the Commission are being issued to the press simultaneously with this communiqué.

29th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 202/36.

During the night there was intermittent shooting round Tiberias, and troops searching the area from Migdal to the town were fired on and replied. There were no casualties throughout. This morning the situation in Tiberias is quiet.

Yesterday the I.P.C. pipe-line was slightly damaged in two places in the Plain of Jezreel. Repairs were quickly effected.

Last night a Jewish watchman in the Tel Mond area was shot and subsequently died. The police are following up certain clues.

Five hundred orange trees were cut during the night near Bejamina settlement and some shots were fired at Matikva settlement to which the Police replied. There were no casualties among them or the settlers.

During the past twenty four hours three Arabs have been arrested for suspected bomb throwing and four for stone throwing; and one who was actually in possession of three bombs. Six Jews were also arrested for suspected shooting.

Publicity has been given in the local press to a report that two Arabs were arrested in possession of a Mills Bomb in Hazeruel Street, Tel Aviv. The correct facts are that as a result of the finding of a bomb in the street, the Police interrogated some Arabs and Jews in the vicinity. No arrests were made.

30th July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 203/36.

Yesterday afternoon an Arab detective constable was shot and killed by unknown assailants in S.E.D.

Yesterday near SAMRAT a police patrol was fired on by an armed Arab band. They replied. A British constable was slightly wounded.

Slight damage was again done to the I.P.C. pipe-line in Transjordan and in the Plain of Jezreel. Repairs were effected.

Shells, to which the Police and military replied, were fired during the night at SEJRA and KEVE ELCOUB settlements. There were no casualties among the troops, police or settlers.

Last night fire was set to the Dead Sea Potash pumping station by three armed Arabs who overpowered the watchman. Part of the shed was destroyed.

In connection with the shooting of a Jewish watchman near Tel Hady, which was reported in yesterday's communique, police dogs yesterday morning followed a trail from the scene of the shooting to a compound in HISHA village where two Arabs were arrested. Subsequently sixteen other villagers were detained as accessories and a fine, which was collected in grain was imposed by the District Commissioner who, in person, had accompanied the military detachment escorting the police search party.

During the past twenty-four hours police and military search parties have seized two rifles, one revolver, one bomb, some ammunition and a quantity of materials for bomb-making.

31st July, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 204/36.

In connection with the murder on Thursday last, July 30th, at Safad of Arab Police Constable No. 485, Farid Daoud Abdul Hadi of the Regular Palestine Police Force who had eleven years service, Police dogs have visited Safad but were unsuccessful in assisting the investigation.

As in the case of all other persons deliberately murdered in the disturbances, a reward of L.R. 500 is being offered for information leading to the arrest of his assailants.

Shortly after midnight a Military Patrol proceeding from Affule to Mahane Israel where some shots had been fired at the settlement, were twice shot at by armed Arab bands. The troops replied and the bands dispersed. One British Officer, a sergeant and two soldiers were slightly wounded.

Yesterday an Arab was shot and slightly wounded on the borders of the Northern and Southern District. An arrest has been made.

Last night two miles east of the River Jordan, an armed Arab band, which is believed to have crossed the frontier from Palestine, slightly damaged the I.P.C. pipe line, causing some oil to escape which they set on fire. Police dogs have been brought to the scene.

As from tomorrow, August 2nd a curfew order will be imposed for 200 metres on either side of the I.P.C. pipe line between the village of Thaura and the River Jordan. The hours of Curfew are from 6.30 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Yesterday a police patrol challenged an armed Arab in the Beisan sub-district near where a case of attempted sabotage was being investigated. He failed to halt whereupon the police fired and wounded him.

During the last twenty four hours three Arabs were arrested in illegal possession of fire arms and ammunition; two on account of suspected arson; and ten in connection with a bomb explosion in a camel caravan raid in Acre.

1st August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 205/36.

In its issue of July 30th, a newspaper when describing events alleged to have taken place in Tiberias on July 29th stated that it was reported that Arab Policemen were armed while the arms were taken away from the Jewish Policemen. Yesterday another paper, reproducing a version of the above report, stated in connexion with the same incidents that "Arab policemen went about armed: the Jewish constables were deprived of their arms".

There is no truth whatever in this allegation. No Jewish Policemen were deprived of their arms in Tiberias.

One of the reports also stated that Mr. Broadhurst was seen to let Arabs free after taking stones out of their hands. This is entirely devoid of foundation.

1st August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 206/36

This morning Detective Inspector Ahmed Naif was shot dead in Haifa. His assailants also seriously wounded an Arab Constable.

Yesterday afternoon a Jew was shot and seriously wounded in Haifa. A description of his assailants is in the hands of the Police who are searching for them.

Shortly after midnight at AL HUGHAR (Southern District) an armed Arab band fired on a military detachment and the police. They returned the fire, killing one Arab and wounding another. One British soldier was seriously wounded.

This morning two Jewish watchmen were found murdered near RIHANIYA in the Haifa sub-district.

Yesterday afternoon a fire broke out in the forest near KAFR HAHORESH. It was put out by the police and the settlers.

During the last twentyfour hours three Arabs were arrested for being in illegal possession of explosives and another for intimidation.

2nd. August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 207/36.

Early this morning shots were fired at a party of labourers at Keft Etzion settlement. One Jewish supernumerary constable was slightly wounded.

During the last twenty four hours two Arabs, one of whom had a rifle, were arrested in connection with the murder (reported in yesterday's Official Communiqué) of two Jewish watchmen near Rihaniya; nineteen for intimidation, one for attempted sabotage; and two for attempted rioting. An Armenian was also arrested in illegal possession of a revolver and ammunition.

3rd August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 205/36.

A statement was published yesterday in an Arab newspaper under the title "The Threatening of the Assistant District Commissioner and the arrest of a Jew" which reported that a Jew had been found near the Jerusalem District Commissioner's office with a bomb in his pocket and that he had been detained on suspicion by an officer of the Police.

There is no truth whatever in this report.

This morning another newspaper reported in connection with the funeral yesterday afternoon in Haifa of Detective Inspector Ahmed Raif, that "Crowds of Moslems, including veiled women and children demonstrated through the Harat el Yahud and caused panic among Jewish shopkeepers - many of whom closed their shops."

This statement is not true.

The report continued "A large crowd assembled in Nazareth Street in order to prevent the procession from passing. An Arab was arrested for obstructing the Police and when the crowd attacked the Constables to obtain his release, British Policemen arrived and dispersed the unruly mob by baton charges."

This report also is entirely untrue. No attempt was made to interfere with the funeral arrangements. An Arab was arrested during the progress of the funeral. No baton charge was made at any time during the day.

3rd August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 209/36.

During the night before last, the I.P.C. pipe line near Mahne Israel was slightly damaged. It has been repaired.

During the night shots, to which the watchmen replied, were fired at Yakna'an settlement. No one was hit.

Last night a military patrol from Jenin was fired on by an armed Arab band which had previously shot at a private car. The patrol engaged the assailants killing one and it is believed wounding others, and seizing a rifle and ammunition. There were no casualties among the troops.

Early this morning the police, escorted by troops, searched Zeita village in the Tulkarm sub-district. A rifle and a pistol and a supply of ammunition were found hidden in a threshing floor.

Slight damage, which has since been repaired was done to the Jerusalem Water pipe-line near Latrun during the night.

During the last twenty four hours the following arrests have been reported:

- 1) An Arab travelling from Gaza to Tulkarm in possession of 1010 rounds of rifle ammunition.
- 2) Eight Arabs in illegal possession of rifles and ammunition.
- 3) An Arab for intimidation.

4th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 210/36.

Yesterday evening an Arab demonstration occurred in the Manshiya Quarter of Jaffa and some shots were fired and four bombs exploded. No damage was done and no one was hurt.

Early yesterday morning near Qaqun, shots were fired on a police post, killing one Arab supernumerary constable and wounding another. The Police are investigating.

Last night a military patrol was fired at near Ramallah. They returned the fire killing one Arab who was in possession of a rifle and ammunition and it is believed wounding one other. Four more Arabs were subsequently arrested and the police are following certain clues.

During the night a military patrol near Deir Ibsia fired on two Arabs who refused to halt when challenged. One of them, who was carrying a shot gun, was wounded.

Shortly before midnight some shots were fired at Kfar Mahugim settlement. A detachment of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force returned the fire, dispersing the assailants. There were no casualties among the troops or the settlers.

During the past twenty-four hours four Arabs have been arrested in the illegal possession of arms and five for intimidation.

5th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 211/36.

Yesterday afternoon near Kawkab shots were exchanged between a Trans-Jordan Frontier Force patrol and a band of Arabs who were armed. One Arab was wounded and captured. He was in possession of a rifle.

During the last twenty four hours, three Arabs were arrested in illegal possession of arms and one for suspected shooting.

6th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 112/36.

Early yesterday afternoon a goods train was derailed near Qalqiliya as a result of tampering with the track. No one was injured.

Last night two Jews were shot dead, one between Givat Haim and Hedera and the other near Hatikva. Police investigations are proceeding in both cases.

Shortly after midnight some shots were fired at Dilb settlement. The police replied dispersing the assailants. A supernumerary Jewish constable was seriously wounded.

Yesterday afternoon in Nazareth an elderly Arab was accidentally run over by a Military armoured car. He subsequently died in hospital.

A bomb exploded in a Nablus Street late yesterday afternoon seriously injuring a boy.

During the past twenty four hours, one Arab was arrested in illegal possession of arms and four for intimidation.

7th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 213/36

As already announced in the news broadcast yesterday evening, a convoy was twice fired upon yesterday at midday near Asira Ash Shamaliya by two armed bands. The escort replied on both occasions. One British Officer was slightly wounded. There were no casualties among the passengers of the convoy.

A detachment of the Seaforth Highlanders from Nablus was quickly on the scene and with the co-operation of aircraft, engaged and dispersed the bands which were estimated to be between twenty to thirty strong.

The troops continued the pursuit into the hills during the afternoon killing four Arabs and capturing two. Five rifles and a quantity of ammunition were also taken.

Meanwhile independent action by aircraft against small retreating groups inflicted eighteen known further casualties-killed and wounded.

Yesterday morning in Acre an archeologist was attacked by two Arab youths one of whom stabbed him in the arm, inflicting a slight wound. His coat containing a sum of money was stolen.

During the night two private motor cars were set on fire and destroyed, one in Nablus and the other at Dura near Hebron where four arrests were made.

The High Commissioner regrets to announce that yesterday afternoon a British Lance Corporal was killed and a Sergeant wounded by the accidental explosion of a bomb at Al Qubab.

As a result of a collision with a commercial lorry at a railway crossing near Kafr Jinnis on the Haifa-Lyddah line, the engine of a goods train was derailed this morning. The damage is slight and the line is being quickly cleared.

During the night eight-hundred young orange trees were destroyed at Yakeen settlement in the Tulkarm subdistrict.

8th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 214/36.

A statement was published yesterday in a local paper to the effect that the Secretary of State for the Colonies had given the High Commissioner discretion to stop Jewish immigration when he ^{saw} ~~saw~~ fit.

There is no truth in this statement.

The position is as explained by the Secretary of State in reply to a question in Parliament on July 22nd.

The text of this reply was as follows:

"As I informed the House on the 19th of June, His Majesty's Government can contemplate no change of policy whatsoever with regard to Palestine until they have received and considered the Report of the Royal Commission. As regards, however, the suggestion that there should be a temporary suspension of immigration while the Commission is carrying out its inquiry, I am not at present in a position to make any statement as to the intentions of His Majesty's Government beyond saying ^{that there} ~~that their~~ decision will be taken in due course on the merits of the case, and that there is no question of it being influenced by violence or attempts at intimidation."

8-8-36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 215/36.

Early yesterday morning a Trans-Jordan Frontier Force detachment exchanged shots with a small armed Arab band near Kinnereth. One Arab is believed to have been wounded.

Some shots, to which the Police replied, were fired last night at Molodot settlement. There were no casualties among the Police or the settlers.

Early this morning an Arab was injured when a bomb exploded in Haifa.

This morning a party of Arab vegetable sellers were molested by intimidators on the way to Haifa. The police intervened and escorted the party to the town.

Attempts at intimidation yesterday resulted in a certain amount of labour unrest and uneasiness in Haifa. Additional protection has been provided for the workers and normal Sunday public services are in operation today.

During the last twenty four hours, seventeen Arabs were arrested in Haifa for intimidation; seven in illegal possession of firearms; and one in connection with shooting at the troops; and five for attempted theft of Government explosives.

9th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 216/36.

The state of uneasiness which was reported in Haifa in yesterday's communiqué persists.

Reports from Haifa to-day state that in the Port and on the Railway and in the Iraq Petroleum Company a certain percentage of workers have absented themselves as a result of intimidation. All public services are being maintained and vigorous steps have been taken to protect the workers and to deal with intimidators. Six Arabs have been arrested for intimidation; one for incitement; and one in possession of communist literature.

Last night a Jewish watchman was shot dead in Ness Ziona. The police are following up certain clues. Another Jew was slightly wounded at Motza by an Arab who fired at him.

During the night the I.P.C. pipeline was slightly damaged at Kawkab el Howa in the Beisan sub-district, and some oil which escaped was set on fire. The damage is being repaired.

An Arab was arrested near Samakh in illegal possession of arms.

10th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 217/36

A statement was published in the local Press today that at the end of this month half of the military forces now in Palestine would be leaving the country for India and Gibraltar. It was also stated that three British Battalions had already left Palestine for Gibraltar.

Both these statements are wholly devoid of foundation.

No battalions of the Palestine forces have left the country and no reduction of the forces in Palestine is contemplated at present.

10th. August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 218/36

Yesterday afternoon two unarmed British airmen were shot from behind and wounded by an unknown Arab near the Museum on the Jericho Road. The High Commissioner regrets to announce that one of them, air craftsman C. D. White, died in hospital last night.

Yesterday afternoon a reconnaissance aeroplane engaged an armed Arab band in the hills at Rafidiya near Nablus. It was joined by two other aircraft and in the ensuing air action it is believed that seven Arab casualties were inflicted. Meanwhile a military motor detachment searched the area in co-operation with the aircraft. When returning to Nablus one of the cars was severely damaged by a road explosion and the High Commissioner regrets to announce that Lieutenant Robert Fosting of the Seaforth Highlanders was killed. A British Corporal and a lance Corporal were also injured by the explosion, the former seriously. After the explosion shots were fired from the hills on the troops and another Lance-Corporal was wounded.

Early yesterday morning near Bala a military patrol was fired at from long range by an armed Arab band, estimated to be about thirty strong. Aircraft was quickly on the scene and engaged the band. During this operation four Arab casualties were inflicted, of whom two were subsequently captured wounded. Two unwounded Arabs were also taken and three rifles and some ammunition.

Late yesterday afternoon on the Roshpina - Tiberias road, a convoy was fired on from both sides of the road. The escort returned the fire, inflicting, it is believed, some casualties among the band which was about forty strong. Three British soldiers were wounded, one of them severely. A Jew was also seriously wounded. Military and Trans Jordan Frontier Force detachments from Safad and Roshpina subsequently engaged the band until nightfall, killing one Arab and inflicting other casualties. One rifle, one bomb and some ammunition was captured.

During the night after shots had been fired on Mizrah settlement near Tiberias, a bomb was thrown among a party of the settlers who were investigating the shooting, killing the Mukhtar of the settlement.

This morning an Arab detective sergeant was shot and seriously wounded by an unknown assailant in the Old City, Jerusalem.

A bomb was thrown into and exploded in a Jewish bus outside Jaffa this morning. Two women and a man were injured, the latter seriously.

Early last night as a result of the breaking of couplings on a goods train which was climbing the gradient between Ras el Ain and Kafr Jannis, twenty-eight trucks in two sections ran backwards towards Ras el Ain station. One section

section was safely diverted into a siding but the other collided with a locomotive standing in the station. As a result of the collision, the fireman of the engine and the guard of the goods train were unfortunately killed. The line has since been cleared and train services have not been affected.

In Haifa there is still considerable uneasiness among certain sections of workers. Public services, however, have been maintained and the work in the Port is normal today.

During the past twenty-four hours ten Arabs have been arrested for intimidation; and four in illegal possession of arms.

11th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 219/36.

There has been some improvement in the labour situation in Haifa during the last twenty-four hours.

It is announced that as from to-day the daily time-table of the Nahalal-Tiberias convoy will be as follows:

leaves Nahalal: 2.30 p.m.
leaves Tiberias: 3.30 p.m.

During the past twenty-four hours three Arabs have been arrested for intimidation and one in illegal possession of arms.

Early this morning the unoccupied new Police Station at Hatikva and two adjacent wooden sheds were set on fire and considerably damaged. While the fire was in progress a bomb was thrown. Watchmen replied by shooting. No casualties are reported.

12th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 220/36.

The High Commissioner regrets to announce that Arab detective Sergeant Shafik Ghusseini who was shot from behind and seriously wounded by an unknown assailant on Tuesday morning in the Old City, Jerusalem, died in hospital last night.

Yesterday morning a party of British troops which was bathing near Beit Alpha settlement, was attacked by an armed Arab band of about fifty men which, making use of the natural cover round the pool, opened fire from close range on the sentry party on the Lowin gun, wounding the two soldiers. Two others who left the water, were able to reach the gun and get it into action, under heavy fire. One of them was quickly killed and the other wounded, whereupon a party of the Arabs rushed the gun and seized it and some ammunition and five rifles, and made off with them, the remainder keeping up a covering fire. Meanwhile the rest of the soldiers who had been bathing, had succeeded in getting to the remainder of the rifles and opened fire on the Arab party which was escaping with the gun. One Arab, whose body was subsequently recovered, was killed and the remainder of the band dispersed. Later troops and aircraft searched the area but without result.

Early this morning the engine of a military patrol train was derailed when crossing a bridge near Athlit. The cause was sabotage of the track. Two shots were fired on the train and the troops replied. There were no casualties. The line has been cleared.

Two Egyptians were shot and seriously wounded early this morning near Neve Shanan, Jaffe. The Police are investigating.

Shortly after midnight an Arab was shot and killed near Zir'in Village in the Nazareth sub-district. He and another Arab who escaped, had failed to halt when challenged by a military patrol. The dead man was in possession of ammunition.

The labour situation in Haifa has somewhat improved during the past twenty-four hours.

Since noon yesterday three Arabs have been arrested for intimidation; two in illegal possession of firearms and explosives; and one on suspicion of having thrown a bomb.

During the night near Tamra the I.P.C. pipeline was slightly damaged in two places and the escaping oil ignited. The damage has been repaired.

13.8.1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 221/36.

Yesterday afternoon the soldier driver of a military lorry travelling from Jerusalem to Ain Sinai on the Nablus Road, found two Arabs by the roadside, one of whom was injured, having fallen off a bridge, while the other was trying to administer first-aid. The driver stopped and picked them up and in his anxiety to carry the injured man with all speed to Ain Haramiyeh Police Post where there was a first-aid equipment, accelerated the pace. Unfortunately when rounding a sharp bend at kilo 27, the lorry struck an unevenness in the road and capsized, killing Lance Corporal Howes of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment whose death the High Commissioner regrets to announce. Another British soldier and both the Arabs were also seriously injured but according to reports this morning are making favourable progress.

As reported last night in the broadcast news, yesterday morning between Yatma and Huwara villages on the Nablus Road, a military patrol was fired on from the hills by scattered armed bands on the east of the road. Troops and aeroplanes were quickly on the scene and in the resulting operations, air-action inflicted eight casualties on the assailants. There were no casualties among the troops.

The following items of news were also broadcast last night:-

First: A collective fine of LP 5000 was levied yesterday on the inhabitants of Nablus.

Secondly: As from last night a curfew has been imposed within the municipal area of Beisan between the hours of 7 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Early last night the Mayor of Hebron was shot and severely wounded by an unknown assailant in Hebron town. The High Commissioner regrets to announce that he later died in hospital.

Early last night shots were fired by an armed Arab band on the Jewish Quarter in Safad and later a small party penetrated the Quarter and forced an entry into a Jewish house, throwing a bomb and firing some shots. The houseowner and two of his children were killed and his mother and wife and another child injured, the last-named seriously. The High Commissioner deplures this horrible outrage.

Last night a Jewish watchman in Horut Amerikani settlement was fatally wounded by an unknown assailant.

Police who were searching Shoikh Dahud village near Acre were fired on yesterday afternoon. They replied wounding two of the armed men.

The labour position in Haifa has further improved during the last twenty-four hours.

Since noon yesterday, two Arabs have been arrested in illegal possession of arms and one in connection with shooting near Hatikva.

14th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 222/36

Late yesterday afternoon near Neve Shana'an, Haifa, an armed Arab band fired at a motor car killing four Jewish passengers - three men and one woman. One Arab has been arrested on suspicion.

An Arab was shot and severely wounded by an unknown assailant at Kafr Saba yesterday afternoon. The Police are following up certain clues.

Yesterday evening a military lorry was fired at near Sinjil on the Nablus Road. One British soldier was seriously wounded.

Eleven Arabs have been arrested in connection with the shooting incident near Beit Alpha which was reported in Official Communique No. 220/36 of August 13th.

Two timber yards - one at Haifa and the other at Rehovoth - were considerably damaged by fire during the night. At Rehovoth six Arabs, suspected of arson, have been arrested.

The I.P.C. pipe-line which was damaged near Kawkab Al Hawa during the night of the 13th/14th has been repaired.

Since noon yesterday in addition to arrests already reported in this communique, eleven Arabs have been arrested in illegal possession of arms, six for intimidation and one for attempted sabotage.

15/8/36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 223/36.

Early yesterday afternoon a convoy was fired at near Qalqiliya. The military escort engaged the assailants and, it is believed, inflicted six casualties. There were no casualties among the troops or the passengers in the convoy.

Last night an armed Arab band fired at a motor car in the outskirts of Jaffa, killing a Jew who was driving it. The car overturned, and a British constable who was escorting it was slightly injured, returned the fire and drove off the assailants.

Early this morning a bomb exploded when the Jaffa - Tel Aviv train was passing the level crossing in Tel Aviv. A girl was killed and six men and one woman slightly injured.

Yesterday morning a Jew was slightly injured by stone throwing in the vicinity of the Tiberias Synagogue, some of the windows of which were also broken.

Following on the incidents in Safad on the night of the 13th August which were reported in Official Communique No. 221 of August 14th, thirty two of the inhabitants of the town have been arrested and two houses have been demolished.

Since noon yesterday, nine Arabs have been arrested for curfew-breaking and two in illegal possession of fire arms. An armed Arab who refused to halt when challenged was also shot dead near Beisan by a patrol of the Transjordan Frontier Force.

16th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 224/36.

Yesterday morning a Southbound convoy was fired on near Jenin by an armed Arab band. They were engaged and dispersed by troops and aircraft. There were no casualties among the troops or the passengers of the Convoy. In the course of the engagement an Arab woman and child who crossed the line of fire were killed - it is believed by the band.

During the night of the 15th/16th of August, shots were fired by an armed Arab band on a detachment of the Trans Jordan Frontier Force near Beisan, who replied inflicting six casualties.

The following is the corrected list of Jewish casualties in the bomb throwing outrage at the level crossing in Tel Aviv yesterday:-- one boy killed and twelve persons injured.

Yesterday four more houses were demolished by the military in the Safed sub-district.

Early this morning when the 6.30 a.m. train from Jaffa was approaching Tel Aviv Station, it was heavily fired on and one passenger was killed and five wounded, two seriously. One British soldier was also slightly wounded.

Yesterday afternoon near Tiberias, a Jewish constable who was investigating the movements of an Arab who failed to stop when challenged, was fired on by an armed Arab band from the hills. Troops proceeded to the scene and engaged the assailants. During the shooting an Arab labourer of the Public Works Department, who was not connected with the band, came into the line of fire and was wounded. He died in hospital this morning. A large crowd which had assembled for his funeral, demonstrated against a Jewish taxi-driver and burned his car. At noon the situation in the town was reported quiet.

During the last twenty-four hours, five Arabs were arrested for intimidation and three Arabs and one Jew in illegal possession of firearms. Three seizures of arms have also been made in Gaza, near Esdud and near Jaffa.

17th August, 1936.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No.

תקשורת רשמית מס.
מס. 225/36

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE
No. 225/36.

The High Commissioner expresses his deepest sorrow and abhorrence at the recent brutal murders and attacks made on perfectly innocent people.

He is confident that, with the exception of some few murderous individuals, the whole people of Palestine will share his consternation of these horrible crimes culminating in the murder in Jaffa of two Jewish nurses when returning to the Jaffa Government Hospital where they had devoted themselves to the healing of sick regardless of race or creed.

The High Commissioner relies on all members of the public to assist the authorities in prevention of all acts of attempted murder and violence.

18th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 226/36.

Yesterday evening in the Ajami quarter of Jaffa, two Jewish nurses of the Jaffa Government Hospital were shot at close range from an automatic pistol and mortally wounded. The Police are prosecuting an enquiry with the utmost vigour and a further report is expected.

During the night heavy firing was directed by an armed Arab band on Ramat Hakovesh settlement, in the course of which a Jewish girl was shot and killed.

Early this morning two Arab men and two Arab women of Arab Jamassin village were wounded by rifle fire and bombs discharged by unknown assailants from a neighbouring orange grove. The Arab watchmen returned the fire and dispersed the band. One man has since died in Jaffa hospital. The police are investigating.

Last night about thirty armed Arabs fired heavily on Dilb settlement near Jerusalem. A Jewish watchman was seriously wounded and another Jew slightly injured by a stone-splinter.

An Arab from Tulkarm was arrested last night in Jaffa. He subsequently attempted to seize his escort's revolver and to escape and was shot and killed.

During the last twenty-four hours, two Arabs were arrested for interfering with the police; one for night signalling and one for illegal possession of arms, and one for intimidation. Six Jews have also been arrested for distributing communist literature.

Arms and ammunition have been seized at Khirbat Abu Falah and near Potah Tikveh.

Yesterday an Arab was found stabbed to death on the sea-shore near Beit Vegan, Jaffa. The Police are investigating.

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A/ curfew has been imposed on Jaffa as from today between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 a.m.

Curfew has also been imposed on Tiberias between the hours of 7 p.m. and 5 a.m.

As from this morning passenger and goods trains have been discontinued between Jaffa and Tel Aviv.

The account which was published in yesterday's official communique No. 224/36 of the engagement on August 16th, near Tiberias between troops and an armed Arab band has been found to be incorrect in the following respects:

- a) The funeral which took place in Tiberias yesterday was that of an Arab shepherd boy who had been shot

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on the previous day by a stray bullet fired in the course of the engagement in question.

- b) The Arab who was reported to have died of wounds received during the engagement, is alive and not seriously injured.
- c) Neither of the two above mentioned Arabs were labourers of the Public Works Department.

18th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 227/36.

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19th August, 1936.

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19th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE
No. 228/36.

The twenty-one hour curfew in Jaffa was cancelled as from this morning except in the Florentin and Shapiro Quarters to the north of the town, and in the Jabaliya Quarter in the south in which Quarters acts of violence continued yesterday.

Early yesterday afternoon an Arab watchman was shot and killed in an Orange Grove near Sarona. The police are investigating the statement of an Arab boy who was present and alleged that the shots were fired by two Jews. Four discharged revolver cases were discovered.

A Jewish supernumerary constable was shot and seriously wounded near Ramat Gan about midnight when a motor patrol was fired at from across the Auja River by an armed Arab band of about fifty men.

An Arab man and two Arab women who were on their way to Haifa, carrying curdled milk, were shot at early this morning near the Sanatorium, Mount Carmel. One woman was killed and the man seriously wounded. The Police are on the scene.

Early this morning a bomb, thrown near Jaffa station, slightly wounded an Arab workman.

This morning a Jewish taxi was shot at near Ramle. The driver was killed and three passengers wounded. The police are investigating.

Since noon yesterday five Arabs have been arrested in illegal possession of arms; three for suspected association with an armed band; and one Jew for attempted demonstration.

During the same period arms and explosives have been confiscated at Tulkarm, Ramle and Et Tur village.

20th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 229/36.

A curfew order was imposed yesterday on the Tulkarm Municipal Area between the hours of 7 p.m. and 5 a.m.

The twenty-one hour curfew in Jaffa which was partially cancelled yesterday, was totally removed to-day, the former curfew hours between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. being resumed to cover all quarters of the town as from 7 p.m. tonight.

Two Arabs were arrested yesterday afternoon on suspicion of being connected with the shooting of the Jewish taxi-driver at Ramleh yesterday morning, an account of which was published in the Official Communique of yesterday.

A Jew in whose house a revolver and ammunition was discovered, was arrested yesterday afternoon in Haifa, in connection with the killing of an Arab woman yesterday morning on Mount Carmel, an account of which was published in yesterday's Official Communique.

As a result of Police investigations to discover the perpetrators of the shooting near Mevo Shanan, Haifa, when three Jews and a Jewess were killed while travelling in a motor car on August 14th, a collective fine of L.P. 500, which has already been partially collected, was levied on August 18th on the villagers of Et Tira.

The High Commissioner regrets to announce the death of Doctor Levi Billig, Lecturer in Arabic Literature in the Hebrew University, Jerusalem who was shot dead in his house near Talpiot during the early part of last night. The police are following up certain clues.

Early this morning railway traffic was temporarily interrupted just north of Lydda when a portion of a goods train was derailed. No one was injured and the slight damage has been repaired.

Some damage which is under repair was done to the Jerusalem Water Supply pipe-line by explosives during the night.

Yesterday afternoon on the track leading from the River Jordan to Tubas village, a detachment of the Trans Jordan Frontier Force engaged an armed Arab Band estimated to be fifty strong, one of whom was wounded and captured. It is believed that further casualties were inflicted. The detachment suffered no casualties.

During an operation which arose out of the sniping early yesterday morning of the camp of a detachment of the Loyal Regiment, the troops succeeded in locating a large armed Arab band in the Wadi Arara and with the cooperation of air-craft pursued it throughout the day, dispersing it thoroughly and inflicting, it is believed, thirty two casualties. There were no casualties among the troops who are continuing their search operations in the same area to-day.

21st August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 230/36.

In continuation of the operations in the Wadi Arara described in yesterday's communiqué, troops yesterday conducted a further search of the area. While a cordon was being formed round Ara village, they were fired on by an armed Arab band and replying killed one Arab and wounded and captured another. Both were in possession of a rifle and ammunition. Air action was also taken and it is believed inflicted two further casualties. Later the troops fired on two Arabs who were barricading a road. Both men were killed. They were in possession of ammunition.

While returning from these operations, the troops were again fired on by another large armed Arab band. They returned the fire capturing one Arab and, it is believed, killing two others. Aircraft subsequently co-operated, inflicting six casualties. Later Anabta village was surrounded and searched. A rifle and a supply of explosives were seized and twenty five of the villagers were detained by the Police for interrogation. During the operations a British Sergeant-Major was slightly wounded.

Three Arabs have been arrested and identified in connection with the bomb outrage at Safad on August 13th which was reported in Official Communiqué No. 221/36.

Yesterday afternoon near Wallach's Hospital in the Jaffa Road, Jerusalem, shots were fired at three Arabs, slightly wounding them. An inquiry is proceeding.

When a party of Jewish labourers were leaving an orange grove near Kfar Saba yesterday afternoon, the lorries in which they were travelling were fired on at close range. Two Jews were killed and four others wounded, two of them seriously. Detachments of troops and Police coming to the scene were shot at and returning the fire, wounded and captured one Arab.

Five other Arabs were detained for interrogation. The Police are following up certain clues.

A bomb which an Arab was carrying in Bethlehem burst prematurely early last night, injuring him severely.

As from tonight the Curfew area in Jerusalem will be extended to include the Town Planning Area.

Apart from arrests already mentioned in this communiqué, one Arab has been arrested for sabotage and one Jew in the illegal possession of firearms since noon yesterday.

The High Commissioner yesterday ordered the release from Sarafand Concentration Camp of twenty-five of the internees.

22nd August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 231/36.

As from to-day a curfew order is imposed within the village lands including the Municipal Area and the built-on area of Bethlehem between the hours of 7 p.m. and 4.30 a.m.

Yesterday evening a military lorry was twice fired at between Tulkarm and Nur es Shems. One British soldier was seriously wounded and a prison warder injured by falling from the lorry during the second incident.

Last night in the Wadi Bireh near Beisan, a Trans-Jordan Frontier Force patrol was fired at by three armed Arabs who were attempting to tamper with electric cables. The fire was returned and the men decamped, leaving behind three hacksaws. It is believed they were wounded.

Yesterday afternoon a military patrol challenged an armed Arab near Ramalla. He failed to halt and when the troops fired, he ran away, and escaped, dropping his rifle which was collected.

Early last night a police patrol was fired at in Beit Vegan, Jerusalem district. They replied and it is believed inflicted three casualties. An Arab cable was wounded.

This morning when three Arabs were working in a house in the Manshiya quarter of Jaffa, a man came to the door and fired at them. They state that he was a Jew. They attempted to grapple with him but he escaped in the direction of Tel Aviv. One Arab was very slightly wounded. The Police have a description of the assailant. Three expended rounds of ammunition were found on the scene.

23rd August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No.
232/36.

In Nablus yesterday an archway leading into the market from which shots had been repeatedly fired and bombs thrown on the Police and troops, was demolished together with some room above it and three adjacent houses. No one was injured during the demolition.

Early yesterday an Arab was found shot and wounded near Kfar Saba. The case is being investigated as it is not clear when or how the man was wounded.

About midnight shots were fired on a military patrol on the Beersheba Road south of Hebron. The troops replied. A British officer was wounded.

During the night the Jerusalem Water Supply pipe-line was slightly damaged by explosives. Certain clues are being followed.

Yesterday afternoon a military detachment was fired at just north of Nablus. They returned the fire and later, with air-craft co-operation, engaged an armed Arab band inflicting, it is believed, some casualties.

A collective fine of LE 250 has been imposed on Ahuzat Sir Herbert Samuel in connection with the shooting of an Arab woman near Mount Carmel Sanatorium which was reported in Official Communique No. 228/36 of August 20th.

Since noon yesterday, six Arabs have been arrested for intimidation; three on suspicion of being implicated in the murder of another Arab; two in illegal possession of fire-arms; and two Jews for assaulting the police.

24th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 233/36.

Last night a military detachment engaged a party of armed Arabs who were firing at Mur es Shoms. Two Arabs were shot and three rifles and some ammunition captured.

Early yesterday morning a bomb, thrown at a car in Jaffa, exploded slightly wounding two bystanders - an Arab woman and a child.

Last night the Jerusalem Water Supply pipeline was damaged in the Bab el Wad by explosives. Repairs are in hand.

During the last twenty-four hours two Arabs were arrested in illegal possession of arms; one on suspicion of bomb throwing; and one for intimidation.

25th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 234/36.

Yesterday a flock of sheep which had been stolen the night before from Bedouin Tribal Lands near Samakh was recovered and returned to its owners by the police. The thieves escaped into Trans-Jordan.

Last night a military railway patrol was fired at near Beisan by an armed Arab band. They replied killing one Arab whose rifle and ammunition were captured. During the shooting two Railway watchmen unfortunately came across the line of fire. One was killed and the other fatally wounded.

During the night a large number of lemon trees in Jewish groves near Jamama in the Gaza sub-district, were damaged, and shots were also fired at the watchmen and the Police Post. Police officers are on the scene and investigating.

Yesterday afternoon a bomb exploded in a paint-store in Jaffa, wounding three Jews. An inquiry has been opened.

Forty-five out of fifty-five sheep which were stolen from Bedouin Tribal lands in the Tiberias sub-district during the night of August 21/22, were yesterday recovered by the Arab Legion near Irbid in Trans-Jordan and returned to their owners.

Since noon yesterday six Arabs have been arrested in illegal possession of arms.

26th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

No. 234/36.

We have been asked to broadcast the following message by the Criminal Investigation Department of the Palestine Police:

"The public are urgently warned to avoid opening or interfering with packages or parcels of the origin and contents of which they are not certain.

This warning is given as a result of information which has been received suggesting that parcels or packages containing infernal machines are being consigned to certain addresses through the postal service or by railway"

26.8.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 236/36.

Yesterday two lorries proceeding from Acre to Safad were shot at and one of them held up and burned. The Jewish mechanic was searched and released. The Arab driver was not molested. Later a police and military detachment which had been despatched to the scene was also fired at and returned the fire, inflicting, it is believed, one casualty.

Yesterday another second encounter took place on the east of the Nablus-Jenin road where a military detachment engaged a band with air-co-operation. It is believed that twelve casualties were inflicted by air-action.

Two Arabs were shot and seriously wounded this morning by a Jew armed with a revolver near the Tel Aviv Railway Station crossing. The police are investigating.

During the night a bomb exploded near Beit Vegan water-tower (Jaffa) doing considerable damage.

A military patrol was fired at in the Jabaliya Quarter of Jaffa during the night. They replied and this morning an Arab was found shot dead in the vicinity of the shooting.

Yesterday afternoon in Jaffa the discovery of an infernal machine concealed in a suit-case led to the arrest of three Arabs - one of whom was the sender and the other two accessories. Subsequent investigations resulted in the arrest of thirty-two Arabs in a club where two bombs were discovered. These men appeared this morning before the Jaffa Court and a remand has been asked for.

27th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 237/36.

Last night near Ain Yabrud in the Ramalla Sub-District a military detachment engaged an armed Arab band which had refused to halt when challenged. One Arab, who was in possession of a rifle and a quantity of ammunition, was killed and another wounded.

Early this morning a Jewish workmen's lorry travelling to Jerusalem was fired at near Arza Sanatorium. One Jew was killed and two others wounded. The Police are on the scene.

A British soldier was slightly wounded at Beit Vogan (Jaffa) late last night when shots were fired at a military patrol by unknown persons.

Three incidents occurred in Jerusalem early this morning.

At 7.50 a.m. a bomb exploded in the Street of the Prophets slightly injuring a Jewish woman.

At 8.15 a.m., also in the Street of the Prophets, an Arab was shot and wounded. He has made a statement to the Police.

At 8.40 a.m. four Arabs were shot at from a lane leading from the Jaffa Road near Ben Yehuda Street. One was fatally wounded. The other three were beaten by a number of Jews who apparently imagined that the three men were the assailants. They were extricated by Jewish constables.

In all three incidents the police have the statements of eye-witnesses and are pursuing the fullest investigations.

Since noon yesterday nine Arabs have been arrested in illegal possession of explosives and firearms.

28th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 238/36.

Late last night a military patrol was fired at near INDUR in the Plain of Jezreel. The Troops replied killing one Arab member of the band. His rifle was also captured.

The High Commissioner regrets to announce that as a result of the shooting Private L. Fox and Private F. Himshall of the 1st Battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment were killed. Three other soldiers of the same regiment were slightly wounded. This morning the Police are on the scene and are following certain clues.

Shortly before noon yesterday a military patrol trolley was derailed two miles north of Ras el Ain Station on the Haifa-Lyddo line as a result of sabotage of the track. A passenger train which was following collided with the derailed trolley, and the engine and four coaches left the lines. No one was hurt and services are now normal.

During the last twenty four hours bomb explosions have resulted in the following casualties.

- (1) In Tiberias five Jewish children were slightly injured.
- (2) In the Central Police Station Jaffa, an Arab groom was killed and three horses injured.
- (3) In Meashearim Street, Tel Aviv, a Jewish woman was very slightly injured.

Since noon yesterday, six Arabs have been arrested in the illegal possession of arms; and one suspected of shooting on the police.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 239/36.

Yesterday evening a lorry in which Jewish supernumerary constables and watchmen were travelling, was fired at near Qubeiba in the Jaffa Sub-district. Three watchmen were wounded - two of them seriously.

The Jewish driver of a bus was shot dead last night on the Petach Tikvah Road. The bus got out of control and left the road and three of the passengers were slightly injured.

The police are investigating both these cases.

When the milk convoy was returning from Jerusalem to Nave Yacoub last night, it was fired at by an armed Arab band at a place where the road had been barricaded. The police dispersed the assailants. One Arab watchman was slightly injured.

Yesterday afternoon, a police and military patrol engaged an armed Arab band between Ajjul and Umm Safah in the Ramalla sub-district, inflicting, it is believed, four casualties. No one among the troops or the police was hit.

In connection with the shooting incident near Indur in the Plain of Jezreel which was reported in yesterday's Official Communique, a subsequent search of the village discovered some explosive material. Two Arabs were arrested.

The night before last a military patrol engaged a band of armed Arabs on the Railway near Gaza, inflicting, it is believed, one casualty.

A large number of citrus trees were damaged in Gan Hadar settlement in the Jaffa sub-district, during the night of August 26/29.

Since noon yesterday, three Arabs have been arrested in illegal possession of bombs and one for attempted sabotage.

30th August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

No. 240/36.

During the night of August 29/30 shots were fired at a military Railway patrol near Lydda wounding a British soldier.

Yesterday a fine of LP. 100 in money and LP. 200 in labour was imposed on Indur village near where, as reported in Official Communiqué No.238/36 of August 29th, shots were fired on a military patrol during the night of August 28th causing the death of two soldiers. This morning three houses in the village were also demolished by the troops and police.

During the night of August 29/30 shots were fired on Jisr el Hajami wounding one Arab woman. The police replied and it is believed inflicted some casualties. Yesterday the tracks of the assailants were followed into Trans-Jordan where action is being continued.

Yesterday evening a military picquet fired on two Arabs near Bab el Wad who refused to halt when challenged. One was killed. The other escaped leaving behind a bomb.

The night before last Geshor Mahalim settlement was heavily fired on by an armed Arab band. The police replied and it is known that there were casualties among the assailants.

During the past twenty four hours four Arabs have been arrested in illegal possession of arms and explosives; one for intimidation; and six on suspicion of having shot at the troops.

Yesterday morning a military picquet was fired at near Silet El Bahr by an armed Arab band located in a wood. The troops replied killing two Arabs. Four others were wounded, two of them seriously. An Arab woman was also slightly wounded.

31st August, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 241/36

Yesterday afternoon a police and military patrol was fired at in the Haifa Rural District by an armed band. They replied killing two Arabs who were in possession of rifles and ammunition. It is believed that four other casualties were inflicted.

A police patrol was fired at on the Wilhelms-Lydd Road last night. They returned the fire and with the co-operation of a military detachment dispersed the armed assailants, inflicting, it is believed, one casualty.

Yesterday evening a Jewish watchman was shot and seriously wounded near Petach Tikvah. Police who arrived to investigate were also fired at. None of them were hit. Investigations are continuing.

About midnight some damage, which is now under repair, was done to the I.P.C. pipe-line near Kawkab el Hawa. The saboteurs ignited the escaping oil.

Two packing sheds were burned during the night-one belonging to a Jew near Rehovoth; the other to an Arab near Ramle.

Early this morning two Arabs were shot and slightly wounded while walking on a track between the Montefiori Quarter and the Salameh Quarter on the Jaffa-Tel-Aviv outskirts. They state that their assailants were two Jews.

Since noon yesterday, two Arabs have been arrested for intimidation; two in illegal possession of firearms; and one for signalling.

Early this morning on the Noblus Road near Khan Lubban a bomb exploded harmlessly under a military lorry. Subsequently while the troops which it was carrying were proceeding to take up their picket positions, another bomb exploded injuring two soldiers, one of them seriously.

1st September, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 242/36.

As from tomorrow, September 3rd, a curfew will be imposed from 6.30 p.m. to 4.30 a.m. on the Hebron Road between the Municipal boundary of Jerusalem and the boundary of the Jerusalem District beyond the village of El Dahariya.

Early yesterday afternoon in the Ramalla sub-district a police and military patrol was twice fired at by armed Arab bands, first between Deir Nizam and Abbud and later near Umm Safa. They suffered no casualties. They replied in both cases, wounding one Arab who was carried away by other members of the band, and capturing another who was in possession of a rifle and ammunition.

A British soldier was slightly wounded during the night of August 31/September 1st, when shots were fired on the military camp at Beersheba. The troops replied, inflicting it is believed, one casualty.

Yesterday afternoon a bomb was exploded under a Jewish bus on the road between Kithaniya and Hadara, seriously injuring the driver. The police are investigating.

During the last twenty-four hours four Arabs have been arrested in illegal possession of firearms and explosives; three on suspicion of being connected with bomb explosions; and three on suspected complicity with armed Arab bands.

2nd September, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 243/36.

A large number of young citrus trees were destroyed during the night in a Jewish grove between Ni'ana and Khulda in the Jaffa Sub-District.

Since noon yesterday six Arabs have been arrested on suspicion of shooting at the troops and police; one in illegal possession of Arms; and nine inhabitants of Bethlehem for breaking Curfew regulations.

3rd September, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 244/36.

Early this morning a detachment of the Lincolnshire Regiment when taking up picquet positions on the Tulkarm-Nablus road were heavily fired on from the hills by an armed Arab band estimated to be between forty and fifty strong. With the co-operation of aircraft, the assailants were dislodged from their positions and driven back towards Bala. Simultaneously detachments of the Royal Scots Fusiliers from Nablus, after being temporarily held up by road barricades near Ramin, had arrived on the scene and air-craft which had located the band as it retired past Bala village, had been taking air-action. Subsequently the combined detachments and aircraft pursued and engaged the band North-West of Bala, dispersing it.

The High Commissioner regrets to announce that Flying Officer Hunter and Air Craftsman Lincoln were killed when their aeroplane made a forced landing south west of Bala in the early stages of the operations. He also regrets to announce the death from wounds of Corporal J. Wilkes of the Lincolnshire Regiment. Two other officers and two soldiers were also wounded, one officer seriously.

It is known that 10 Arabs have been killed and it is believed that six more are casualties from aircraft-action.

On the conclusion of the operation six houses in Bala village from which shooting had been directed against the troops, were demolished.

3rd September, 1936.

With reference to the report which was published in last night's Official Communique regarding the operations yesterday on the Nablus - Tulkarm Road, it is now ascertained that the known figure of Arab casualties was fourteen and not sixteen. One British officer, in addition to those already reported, was very slightly wounded.

Late yesterday afternoon, a military detachment was fired at near Jenin by an armed band. They replied, and it is believed inflicted nine Arab casualties.

During the night of September 2/3 a large number of fruit trees were damaged in Bir Tuvia lands in the Gaza Sub-district.

During the last twenty-four hours six Arabs were arrested for intimidation; three on suspicion of shooting at the troops; two for suspected sabotage, and four in illegal possession of arms and explosives. One Arab, in possession of ammunition was also arrested, and when attempting to escape, was shot and killed.

4th September, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 246/36.
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Yesterday afternoon on the Haifa-Lyddah line near Qalqiliya two engines pulling a goods-train were derailed as a result of sabotage of the track.

The High Commissioner regrets to announce that as a result of this wilful damage Driver Quirk of the 2nd Battalion of the Cheshire Regiment and an Arab Engine driver Mohamed el Masri were killed; and two Naval ratings and one British soldier were seriously injured and a British Engine driver of the Palestine Railways was slightly injured.

The passenger service today between Haifa and Lydda has been restricted to the morning mail trains to and from Egypt.

This morning a party of Jewish supernumerary police from Petach Tikvah were fired on near Arab Abu Kishk. They replied. Later an Arab was discovered wounded near the scene of the shooting and it is believed he was hit during the exchange of fire. The Police are investigating.

During the last twenty four hours thirteen Arabs have been arrested in illegal possession of firearms and explosives.

5th September, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 247/36.

The High Commissioner regrets
to announce that Drummer Oates of the 2nd Battalion,
the Cheshire Regiment, who was seriously injured in
the train derailment near Qalqi'liya on September 4th,
died in hospital yesterday.

6.9.36.

بلاغ رسمي رقم ٢٦/٢٤٧

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הודעה רשמית מס. 247/36.

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6 בספטמבר, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 248/36

The following statement of policy is being made public by His Majesty's Government in London tonight.

" Disorders broke out in Palestine in April of this year which, after rioting at Jaffa and elsewhere that was quickly suppressed, took the form of a declaration by a Committee of Arab notables of a general strike of a definite political character for aims inconsistent with the Mandate and pursued by methods which directly challenged the constituted authority. There have been widespread acts of murder and other outrages by gangs of armed terrorists. Apart from attacks in which British soldiers, airmen and police as well as many Arabs and Jews have lost their lives, the activities of these armed gangs have included repeated attempts to disorganise the means of communication, cutting of telegraph and telephone wires, derailling of trains and attempts to prevent roads from being used by traffic. Considerable material damage has been done seriously affecting the economic life of the country and several attempts have been made to damage and set fire to the oil pipe-line between Haifa and Iraq. An important result of the strike has been the practical closing of the port of Jaffa although happily the port of Haifa has hitherto been little affected.

Active steps were at once taken by the Palestine Administration for the protection of life and property and for the suppression of disorders, and during

the months following ~~of~~ the outbreak of the disturbances the Palestine garrison has been considerably reinforced. In spite, however, of the greatest forbearance exercised by the British authorities, with the full approval of His Majesty's Government, whose chief concern has been to restore peace between the different communities in Palestine by measures which would entail the smallest possible amount of suffering and loss of life, the political strike has continued accompanied by outrages and guerilla warfare. Widespread intimidation has been used by those responsible for the continuance of those disorders with the object of compelling at any rate the passive cooperation of the Arab population at large. In short the situation which has been created is a direct challenge to the authority of the British Government in Palestine.

On the 18th of May the then Secretary of State for the Colonies announced in the House of Commons that His Majesty's Government had decided that it was desirable that a full enquiry on the spot should be undertaken but that the first step must be the re-establishment of law and order; and that after order had been restored it was their intention to advise His Majesty to appoint a Royal Commission which would, without bringing into question the fundamental terms of the Mandate, investigate the causes of unrest and any alleged grievances either of the Arabs or the Jews.

On the 29th of July the personnel of the Royal Commission was announced in the House of Commons together with its terms of reference which are as follows:-

" to ascertain the underlying causes of the disturbances which broke out in Palestine in the middle of April; to enquire into the manner in which the Mandate for Palestine is being implemented in relation to the obligations of the Mandatory towards the Arabs and the Jews respectively; and to ascertain whether, upon a proper construction of the terms of the Mandate, either the Arabs or the Jews have any legitimate grievances on account of the way in which the Mandate has been, or is being, implemented; and if the Commission is satisfied that any such grievances are well-founded, to make representations for their removal and for the prevention of their recurrence".

The Royal Commission will undertake its duties at the earliest possible moment, but, as has already been stated, order must be restored in Palestine before the Commission begins its enquiry there.

This is the condition essential to enable it to perform its duties effectively. Unhappily, however, the Arab leaders have taken up the position that they will not end the strike until fundamental changes have been introduced by the British Government in its policy.

with regard to Palestine, and notwithstanding the announcement of the personnel and the terms of reference of the Royal Commission, the strike has continued accompanied by outrages of ranging degrees of intensity in many parts of the country. All efforts to introduce a reasonable spirit of accommodation have hitherto failed.

Well disposed Arab rulers and notabilities in neighbouring countries have from time to time expressed willingness to use their influence in attempts at conciliation. ^{His Majesty} The King of Saudi Arabia offered the use of his good offices acting in concert, if their co-operation could be secured, with other Arab rulers. Unfortunately conditions have continued to be such that it has not been found possible to make any successful progress by this means. A public-spirited attempt has also been made by His Highness the Amir of Trans-Jordan, but this likewise has proved fruitless. A further recent initiative in the same direction has been taken by General Nuri Pasha es Said, Foreign Minister of Iraq. Protracted discussions by him with the Palestine Arab leaders have led to no satisfactory result, for the Palestine Arab leaders issued on the 31st of August a manifesto declaring that they would continue the strike until their aims had been attained.

Despite General Nuri Pasha's intervention, daily outrages and other instances of grave disorders have continued unabated, and after a careful

review of the whole situation, His Majesty's Government are satisfied that the campaign of violence and threats of violence, by which the Arab leaders are attempting to influence the policy of His Majesty's Government, cannot be allowed to continue and more rapid and effective action must now be taken in order to bring the present state of disorder to an end with the least possible delay. With this end in view, it has been considered essential to send further substantial reinforcements to Palestine. An additional division of troops is accordingly being sent there. In view of the size of the reinforcements and of the additional responsibilities entailed, it has been decided that the Supreme Military control in the country shall be entrusted to a Lieutenant General. The officer selected to command is Lt. General J.G. Dill, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., late Director of Military Operations and Intelligence at the War Office.

His Majesty's Government deeply regret that such decisions should have been forced upon them. Great Britain accepted the Mandate for Palestine upon terms which involve responsibility for the welfare of all sections of the population of Palestine. They regard this responsibility as a trust which they have no choice but to carry out. In this connection it is appropriate to recall that in their report to the Council of the League of Nations in 1930, the Permanent Mandates Commission stated that in their view the following two assertions accurately express what they conceived to be the essence of the Mandate of Palestine:-

- (1) that the obligations laid down in the Mandate of Palestine in regard to the two sections of the population are of equal weight; and
- (2) that the dual obligations imposed upon the Mandatory are in no sense irreconcilable.

His Majesty's Government are fully in accord with the sense of this pronouncement at Geneva and it is their earnest desire to carry on a policy of impartial justice to both Arabs and Jews and to work for the peace and progress of a country so specially dear to both races.

It has been the constant aim of British policy to secure and maintain relations of friendship and confidence with the Moslem peoples. For this reason, apart from all others, they would have wished to avoid by all possible means the course of action which has now been forced upon them. But no Government, least of all a Government exercising mandatory responsibilities, can allow themselves to be deflected from their course by violence and outrages. It is still their hope, however, that when those who are disturbing the peace of Palestine have been brought to realise that their present actions are inimical to the true interests of all sections of the population and to the country as a whole, and that the Mandatory Government is determined to exercise its authority with impartiality and justice, it will be possible to ascertain whether any legitimate grievances or fears for the future exist on the part of either Arabs or Jews

and to make recommendations for their removal with a view to establishing more cordial and peaceful relations between all concerned. His Majesty's Government are convinced that these objects are attainable within the framework of the Mandate which they have no intention of abandoning.

It is the confident hope of His Majesty's Government that the Royal Commission will make recommendations which will enable His Majesty's Government to bring finality to a situation of doubts and fears on both sides and that out of the tragic misunderstandings and disorders of the last five months a lasting settlement can be reached. "

September 7th, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 249/36.

This morning, at 7.30, two officers of the Administration were fired at by an Arab when passing the New Gate on their way to Government Offices. They were not hit. Their assailant, of whom the Police have a description, escaped into the Old City.

Late yesterday afternoon small armed bands were located preparing military positions in the hills west of Nablus. Aircraft action, which is being continued this morning, was promptly taken, inflicting eight casualties.

Yesterday afternoon a police patrol surprised and engaged a party of Arab saboteurs cutting the wire round Hakania settlement near Rehovoth. One Arab was wounded and four arrested.

During the past twenty-four hours five Arabs have been arrested in illegal possession of firearms and one for obstructing the Police.

As from today a curfew-additional to that already in force - has been imposed on the western quarter of Nablus Town between the hours of 6.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. This order will be maintained until further notice during the collection of that quarter's share of the collective fine imposed on the town on August 13th.

7th September, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 250/36.

During the night slight damage which has since been repaired, was done to the I.P.C. pipeline near Kawkab el Hawa in the Beisan sub-district.

8th September, 1936.

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הודעה רשמית מס' 250 / 36

במסך ליל אמת נגרם נזק קל לצנור חברת הנפט העירקית כמון לבאנוכ אל הא
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8 בספטמבר 1936.

Yesterday morning an Arab was shot and killed near Ballad es Sheikh in the Haifa Rural District. The police have a description of his two assailants who were Arabs.

Early yesterday afternoon an armed Arab band fired at a party of Jewish labourers near Migdal Settlement in the Tiberias sub-district. One of the Jews was seriously wounded. The Jewish watchmen with the labourers returned the fire wounding one Arab who dropped a revolver which was seized. Troops and aircraft were quickly on the scene but failed to locate the band which had scattered.

Early last night a military detachment was fired at from a grove near Ness Ziona and replied with machine gun fire, during which an Arab lady was seriously wounded and an Arab maid-servant was slightly wounded in houses which came within the zone of the military fire. The soldiers were bound to fire back on the armed Arabs who had opened fire and the High Commissioner deeply regrets that in the darkness bullets passed over the heads of the armed assailants and entered the houses and accidentally wounded the two ladies.

Early this morning an Arab was shot and seriously wounded in the Old City, Jerusalem. The police are proceeding with investigations.

There were two instances of sabotage in orange groves during the night - in Majdal where a considerable number of trees were damaged; and near Hadera where 300 trees were cut.

Since noon yesterday five Arabs have been arrested on suspicion of sabotage and two Arabs and one Jew in illegal possession of firearms.

9th September, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 252/36.

Yesterday afternoon, following on the discovery of a land-mine which failed to explode on the Nablus - Tulkarm Road near Anebta, a house in that village was demolished by order of the civil authorities.

Early yesterday morning near Mi'ilya on the Tarshiya - Nahariya road in the Acre sub-district, a mail van was fired at by an armed Arab band. Though slightly wounded, the driver managed to escape and report to Nahariya with the result that detachments of Military and Police were despatched to the scene and shortly after midday, with the co-operation of air-craft, engaged the band which was between fifty and sixty strong. Later further detachments of troops and police joined the operations and the combined force dispersed the band which scattered into the hills north of Mi'ilya.

The High Commissioner regrets to announce that during the operations Lance Corporal A. Sharpe of the York and Lancaster Regiment; British Constable Elliott of the Palestine Police Force; and Palestinian Police Corporal Abdulla Askar were killed. Three other British soldiers and a Palestine Police Constable were slightly wounded.

As a result of air-action and the operations of the police and the troops twenty seven Arabs were killed.

Late yesterday afternoon a mail-van from Roshpina to Metulla was fired at north of Roshpina by an armed Arab band. The escort replied enabling the van to turn and make its way back to Roshpina to report. A police tender proceeded at once to the scene and on arrival was heavily fired at and the High Commissioner regrets to announce that the four men who were in it, British Constables Barr, Kettel, Fletcher and Morrison, were killed. Shortly afterwards a military detachment, which had followed the police tender were also fired at and later together with the escort of the Metulla convoy and a further detachment of troops from Safad engaged the band which was estimated to be about thirty strong and with air-craft co-operation, inflicted, it is believed, heavy casualties. During the latter stage of these operations there were no casualties among the troops.

During the night an armed Arab band fired at Majdal Railway Station killing one Arab Railway labourer.

Since noon yesterday five Arabs have been arrested in illegal possession of firearms and five for actively assisting an armed Arab band to escape.

10th September, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.253/36.

Two Yemenite Jews were shot dead shortly after midnight between Ramle and Rehovoth. Their assailants are unknown. The Police are investigating.

During the night a Jewish Packing-shed near Rehovoth was destroyed by fire and a considerable number of trees damaged in Jewish groves in Berka lands in the Gaza sub-district and at Jammama in the Beersheba sub-district. In Berka lands, the marauders also killed some live-stock. The Police have opened inquiries.

Further reports on the operations which took place on the Nahariya-Tarshiha road two days ago (Official Communiqué No.252/36 of yesterday) reveal that the total number of Arabs killed is 29. Eight others are also reported wounded. It has also been ascertained that in the later stages of the operations a Posts and Telegraphs lorry was fired on near Nahariya, and was ditched with the result that four of the Arab personnel were injured.

Since noon yesterday two Arabs have been arrested for intimidation.

11th September, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 254/36

Late yesterday afternoon an armed band was located and engaged on the slopes of Mount Carmel above Ballad es Sheikh by detachments of the military and police. The operations continued intermittently during the night. It is known that five Arabs were killed and it is believed that other casualties were inflicted. The High Commissioner regrets to announce that during the operation Sergeant Sweeney of the Loyal Regiment and Private Byworth of the King's Own Scottish Borderers were killed.

Yesterday the Police escorted by a detachment of troops carried out an inquiry in Lubyā village on the Nazareth-Tiberias Road. Twenty six Arabs known to be actively connected with armed bands and two agitators were arrested, while another Arab on whom ammunition was found, was shot dead by the troops when attempting to escape from the village.

Yesterday evening shots were fired at a party of labourers employed in the Southern Zone of the Dead Sea Potash workings, slightly wounding an Arab and a Jewish workman. The fire was returned. The Police are now investigating.

Since noon yesterday four Arabs were arrested in illegal possession of explosives.

12th September, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 255/36

Yesterday afternoon two Arab men and an Arab woman and child were shot and wounded on the Tel Litwinsky-Petach Tikvah road. One man and the woman have since died. The police have instituted an inquiry into the available evidence.

Early last night a bomb was thrown into and exploded in an Arab house in the Old City, Jerusalem. The owner and his wife were wounded, the former seriously. The police are investigating.

Yesterday in the course of a police and military search in an Arab al Arayshe encampment, in the Jaffa sub-district an Arab who attempted to impede the operations was killed. The Assistant District Commissioner ordered the demolition of some huts in the vicinity of which shooting had frequently occurred.

13th. Sept. 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 256/36.

This morning a bomb was thrown into a Jewish shop in David St. in the Old City, Jerusalem; the owner of the shop was slightly injured.

Two cases of sabotage occurred yesterday - at Qatra in the Gaza sub-district where 600 trees were cut, and in the Balfour Forest near Nazareth where some damage was done by fire.

Since noon yesterday two Arabs have been arrested in illegal possession of firearms.

14th September, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 257/36.

Early this morning as a result of sabotage of the track, a goods train from Haifa to Lydda was badly derailed near Kfar Jinnis. A Palestinian look-out man was injured. This afternoon's passenger train is cancelled pending repairs of the line. The military escort fired on the saboteurs inflicting, it is believed one casualty.

The I.P.C. pipe-line was slightly damaged during the night near Kawkab el Hawa in the Beisan sub-district. Repairs are in hand.

This morning as a result of the explosion of a bomb on the roof of a tile factory in Jaffa, two Jewish workmen were slightly injured.

Since noon yesterday, four Arabs have been arrested in illegal possession of arms; two under suspicion of arson; and one for intimidation.

19th September, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.258/36

Following on the derailment of a goods train near Kfar Jinnis yesterday (Official Communiqué No.257/36), two houses in Lydda to which the saboteur wounded by the train escort, had been carried by his associates, were demolished.

Early yesterday morning when police and military detachments from Safed were approaching Alma, to search it, they engaged an armed party of Arabs who had been seen escaping from the village. Air-craft also co-operated. The body of a dead Arab, who had been shot and was in possession of ammunition, was later found in the village. Subsequently two houses were demolished in Alma and also two houses in Ras al Ahmar. There were no casualties among the troops who withdrew unmolested to Safed at noon.

During the past twenty four hours two cases of arson have occurred - at Anata where a pumping station was destroyed and at Beit-Jala where two cars in a garage were burned out.

Following on the discovery of three bombs near Nathaniya yesterday, three houses have been demolished in Khirbet Beit Lid.

During the last twenty four hours, five Arabs have been arrested in illegal possession of firearms and explosives.

The following revised time-table is announced for the daily northbound convoy from Nahalal to Metulla. It will come into operation tomorrow, September 17th.

Leave Nahalal	12 noon.
Leave Tiberias	2 p.m.
Leave Roshpina	3.15 p.m.

16th September, 1936.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 259/36

A British aircraftsman was shot at and slightly wounded in Ramle yesterday evening, by an Arab who evaded subsequent arrest. His description is known to the Police.

Early last night a bomb which was thrown at a Jew, exploded harmlessly in the Jaffa Road, Jerusalem.

The I.P.C. pipe-line was again damaged last night near Kawkab el Hwa. A Trans-Jordan Frontier Force patrol fired on five armed Arabs near the scene of the sabotage.

During the night the Police and military replied to shots fired by armed bands on Sejera, and Ramat Hakovesh settlements and near Kefer Hayim. There were no casualties among the police or troops or the settlers. Shots to which the Police replied were also fired on the Bessa Lands in the Gaza sub-district and on the Potash Company's camp in the Southern Zone of the Dead Sea.

Since noon yesterday, two Arabs suspected of obstructing the troops have been arrested and one in illegal possession of firearms.

17th September, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 260/36.

Curfew Order.

As from tomorrow, September 19th, the area known as Wadi el Tawahin in the Safad sub-district running from a point east of Jebel el Arbain northwards to kilometre 213 on the south side of the Acre-Safad road and including the two branches of the Wadi running east to Ain al Zeitun village (but excluding the village area) and west to kilometre 218 on the Acre-Safad road, shall constitute a special curfew area between the hours of 5 p.m. and 4 a.m.

One house and one tent were demolished yesterday in Wadi el Kabbani and four tents in Wadi Hawaroth in the Tulkarm sub-district following on an attack on Maabarot settlement during the night of September 16th.

About midday yesterday a patrol of the Syrian Gendarmerie engaged eight Armed Arabs on Syrian territory near Jisr Banat al Yacub. One of the band was wounded. He escaped but his rifle was seized. Subsequently a wounded Arab known to be under Syrian police supervision was brought into Roshpina and sent on to Safad Hospital. Steps are being taken for his extradition.

During the night of September 16/17, two land-mines exploded near Deir al Balah in the Gaza sub-district damaging two military cars and injuring one British soldier.

Some further damage, which is being repaired, was done to the I.P.C. pipe-line in the Boisan sub-district during the night.

One Arab was arrested yesterday in Haifa in illegal possession of firearms.

18th September, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 261/36

A collective fine of 12,300 has been imposed on Samakh town in connection with the burning of a Jewish flour mill there on September 17th.

A fire, which was soon brought under control, broke out near the Istiklal Mosque in Haifa last night. A British marine was injured by falling timber. Two bombs exploded near the Mosque wounding a second marine.

Yesterday evening a bomb was thrown into a Jewish house in Tiberias. It exploded killing a boy and wounding his grandfather and his father, the former severely.

Four armed men visited Bi'ir village in the Hebron sub-district yesterday demanding food. The villagers who recognized them as having come to the village some time ago when they robbed some houses and killed some donkeys, chased them away, whereupon the four men fired, killing one villager and wounding another. The police are in pursuit.

Four cases of arson are reported during the past twenty-four hours; at Kallia near the Dead Sea where a wooden hut was destroyed; at Beisan station where a grain store was damaged; at Harless Hanna near Haifa where a pumping station was burned out; and at Tel Aviv where slight damage was done to a football stand.

19th September, 1936.

ROYAL COMMISSION NOTICE

At the request of the Chairman of the Royal Commission, the following notice is published by the High Commissioner for public information:-

All organisations and individuals who wish to give evidence before the Royal Commission which will visit Palestine as soon as possible after the present disorders have ceased, should prepare brief statements of the chief points of their intended evidence and hold these in readiness to be forwarded to the Commission immediately upon their arrival in Palestine. Further instructions will be given later as to the address to which these documents should be forwarded.

In the meantime, all such organisations and individuals should forward at once to the Commissioner on Special Duty, Government Offices, Mamilla Road, Jerusalem, (P.O.B. 852) a statement in duplicate giving their names, addresses, and professions (if any). This information is required in order to enable a provisional programme of proceedings to be drawn up.

It should be remembered that the points as to which the Commission will inquire are the following:-

- (1) The underlying causes of the disturbances.
- (2) The manner in which the Mandate for Palestine is being implemented in relation to the obligations of the Mandatory towards the Arabs and the Jews respectively.
- (3) Whether, upon a proper construction of the terms of the Mandate, either the Arabs or the Jews have any legitimate grievances on account of the way in which the Mandate has been, or is being, implemented.

The Commission wish it to be known that they do not propose to hear counsel on behalf of any organisation or individual and that they will take no evidence until their arrival in Palestine.

20th September, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 263/36.

The fine of LP 250 (not LP 300 as erroneously stated in yesterday's official communiqué) which was imposed on Samakh, has been collected.

A bomb was thrown at a bus in Jaffa this morning, slightly wounding its Arab driver.

Four Arabs have been arrested in connection with the bomb outrage in Tiberias on September 18th.

Since noon yesterday one Arab has been arrested in illegal possession of explosives.

20.9.36.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 264/36.

Early yesterday morning a Military patrol encountered three Arab band near Labad in the Jenin sub-district. One Arab was killed and his rifle and ammunition seized and another, who was carried away by his associates, wounded. There were no casualties among the troops.

Since noon yesterday cases of arson are reported from Hehveoth where a shed and a pumping machine and Jewish grove were burned; from Hishmar Hagayon sub-district in the Safed sub-district where a barn was destroyed; and from Beit Shean where a garage was damaged.

There have also been two cases of sabotage of electric lines at Hehveoth and in Yezur Lands in the Jenin sub-district.

The following arrests of Arabs have also been made - four in illegal possession of arms and six in connection with the discovery of a quantity of ammunition during a military march.

31st September, 1936.

Curfew Order.

Northern District.

From and including this evening, the hours of curfew in the Tulkarm Municipal Area will be from 6 p.m. to 5.30 a.m. instead of, as hitherto, from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Early this morning a Jewish watchman was found murdered in the Government forest reserve near Tiberias. He had been missing since yesterday. The Police have opened an inquiry.

At 6.30 a.m. today a bomb was thrown and exploded among a group of Arabs near the Central Prison, Jerusalem. One man and two boys were killed and four men were wounded, two of them seriously. The Police are sifting certain evidence.

Early this morning a Jew was shot at and wounded near Agir in the Jaffa sub-district. His condition is not serious. Three Arabs have been detained on suspicion.

During the last twenty four hours:-

- (a) The Military have demolished two houses in Qalansuwa village in the Tulkarm sub-district; two in Lifta village and one in Beit Fajjar village in the Jerusalem district; and one at Balad es Sheikh in the Haifa district. These operations were consequent on local acts of sabotage, arson and bomb-throwing.
- (b) Five Arabs have been arrested on suspicion of association with armed bands; four for suspected acts of sabotage; six in illegal possession of firearms; and four for intimidation.

22nd September, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 266/36.

Yesterday afternoon a military patrol on the Nere-Safad road was fired at by an armed Arab band near Ar Ram. The troops engaged and dispersed them inflicting, it is believed, several casualties.

The High Com. is now regrets to announce that during the engagement Lance Corporal Perry of the York and Lancaster Regiment was severely wounded and later died in Safad hospital.

Early this morning a military car patrol engaged a party of armed Arabs between Hebron and Bethlehem and it is believed killed one man. There were no casualties among the troops.

During the night shots to which the police and watchmen replied, were fired at Yehsem settlement near Haifa and at Jankas outpost in the Gaza sub-district. At the latter place where a large band was operating, some fruit trees in the vicinity were destroyed.

Reports of sabotage of trains have also been received from Elfer Kithorash near Nazareth and from Gan Yehna in the Gaza sub-district where considerable damage was done.

Last night ten Arabs of Arabo Turkmen in the Haifa District were arrested by the police and military under the provisions of Crime Ordinance. Four Arabs have also been arrested for intimidation and one for attempted sabotage, during the last twenty four hours.

25th 22, October, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 267/36.

A Jewish shopkeeper was shot and very seriously wounded in the Old City, Jerusalem, this morning. A police inquiry is being prosecuted.

During the night there was a shooting affray in a Haifa sub-district village between the villagers and a party of armed Arabs who were demanding money by threats. One villager was wounded and also, it is believed, one of the band.

During the last twenty four hours:

(a) Two houses were demolished at Beit Hanina in the Ramallah sub-district near the Nabulus road where landmines had been laid.

(b) Considerable damage was done by fire in a Jewish timber yard in Jaffa and a Jewish barn at Sarona in the Tiberias sub-district was burned out.

(c) Fifteen Arabs were detained on suspicion of being connected with armed bands; and five were arrested in illegal possession of explosives and eight for intimidation.

24th September, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 268/36.

Late yesterday afternoon a police patrol located an armed Arab band on the Jerusalem Hebron road four kilometres north of Hebron. Reinforcements of police and military from Hebron and Jerusalem proceeded to the scene and engaged the band which was estimated at 40 to 50 strong. The action continued until dark. One British officer and one private, both of the Cameron Highlanders, were wounded. Later a military ambulance car returning to Jerusalem left the road and overturned; two of the occupants were injured. During the engagement three Arabs are known to have been killed and other casualties are believed to have been inflicted.

Early yesterday afternoon, acting on the report of the presence of an armed Arab band near Ja'ba village in the Jordan sub-district troops and police proceeded to the scene accompanied by aircraft. The band was engaged by the troops, police and aircraft with the result that 41 casualties were inflicted by air action and 13 by the ground forces. The High Commissioner regrets to announce that Fusilier Stewart of the Royal Scots Fusiliers was killed during the action. One aeroplane was compelled to make a forced landing as the pilot was slightly wounded.

A military patrol engaged a band of ten armed Arabs near Tubas village in the Nablus sub-district early this morning. Two Arabs were killed and one, who escaped, was wounded. There were no casualties among the troops.

A Jew was assaulted by five Arabs in the Old City, Jerusalem, this morning. His injuries are not serious.

A bomb was thrown into the camp of the Lincolnshire Regiment at Qalqilia yesterday evening. A British corporal was slightly injured.

28th September, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 269/36.

A curfew order was imposed on the Qalqilia Local Council area as from September 25th between the hours of 6 p.m. and 5.30 a.m.

As from Monday September 26th and until further notice the curfew hours in the Beisan Municipal Area will be from 6 p.m. to 4.30 a.m. and not from 7 p.m. to 3.30 a.m. as stated in the curfew order of August 13th 1936.

Near Ajjar village in the Hebron sub-district yesterday an Arab was shot and slightly wounded by three armed men who held him up and robbed him.

Last night a party of armed men entered a house in Al Khadr village in the Bethlehem sub-district demanding money. They stabbed the houseowner killing him and then left firing some shots at the villagers who pursued them.

During the last twenty four hours the following demolitions have been carried out:-

Six houses in Jaba village in connection with the engagement in the neighbourhood of the village on September 24th.

Two houses in Qalqilia following the throwing of a bomb into the military camp there on September 24th.

Two houses in Aqir village near which a Jew was shot and wounded on September 22nd.

Since noon yesterday four Arabs have been arrested for illegal possession of arms or explosives and one on suspicion of shooting at the military.

27th September, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE
No. 270/36.

An Arab was shot in Haifa this morning and subsequently died from his wounds. The police have a description of his assailant who, according to an eye-witness, was an Arab.

Following on firing at the military on the Tulkarm-Nablus road in the vicinity of Anabta and Dannaba villages one house in each village was demolished yesterday.

In the last twenty-four hours eight Arabs have been arrested in illegal possession of arms and explosives, five suspected of assault and one for intimidation.

27.9.36.

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The High Command regrets to announce that a member of the Royal Corps of Signals was accidentally shot and killed near Haifa last night.

Early this morning, military police entered the village in the Siberian sub-district. The village was seized and the British made. An armistice was signed. The British then ordered to halt the fighting in the village. A collective agreement was signed between the village in cooperation with the British and the neighboring Jewish community.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

No. 272/36.

As from September 28th the hours of curfew in the Kabul Municipal Area will be from 6.15 p.m. to 5.30 a.m.

Shells were fired at the camp of the 2nd Battalion the Dorsetshire Regiment at Senin last night and one British soldier was very slightly wounded.

During the last twenty four hours two Arabs have been arrested in illegal possession of arms and explosives and two suspected of murder.

29th September, 1936.

Official Communiqué No. 273/36.

Yesterday afternoon a military reconnaissance supported by aircraft located a large Arab band near Beit Maria, north-west of Nablus. Operations lasted until nightfall. One British officer and two soldiers were wounded. The casualties among the band are believed to number twenty-two.

Yesterday morning while troops were searching Iksal village in the Nazareth sub-district where a rifle and some ammunition were found, two Arabs who attempted to escape and refused to halt were shot at, one being killed and the other wounded.

An accidental collision between an empty passenger train and a following goods train near Lydda yesterday afternoon resulted in the driver, fireman and guard of the latter being slightly injured. Goods traffic was consequently delayed for some hours.

Early this morning on the Ramleh-Jaffa road near Beit Dajen shots were fired at four trucks, the driver of the first, an Armenian, being killed. The Police are following up certain clues.

During the night shots were fired on an orange grove near Nathania to which the watchmen replied, and a boy from a Bedouin encampment nearby was wounded.

Since noon yesterday, four Arabs have been arrested for intimidation and one in illegal possession of arms.

30th September, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.274/36.

Early last night shots were fired at a Military patrol in the Bab el Wad on the Jerusalem-Jaffa Road and a British soldier was seriously wounded.

As a result of sabotage the Acre-Haifa train was derailed yesterday afternoon, and an Arab was severely injured.

Since noon yesterday two Arabs have been arrested in illegal possession of firearms.

1st October,1936.

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1st October, 1936.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 276/36

Internal Plant Quarantine.

Some seven years ago an embargo was placed on the movement of certain plants, and parts of plants, from Northern to Southern Palestine. To enforce this embargo a quarantine line was established, with inspection posts at certain places to ensure that none of the prohibited plants should be transported to the South.

The reason for this was the presence of Black Scale in citrus groves in Galilee and Acre Sub-Districts; it was feared that all the Southern groves would be infected by this pest and the future of the citrus industry seriously threatened, if plants or fruits capable of being infected with Black Scale were to be transported from North to South. Since the first alarm there has been the opportunity to make a more intensive study of the whole citrus pest situation. As a result of this study the following facts have emerged.

In the first place there are three or four other more widespread scales besides the Black Scale, all of which infest large areas of citrus trees. To institute quarantine against these similar to that enforced against the Black Scale, even if such measures could be made effective, would paralyse the internal orange trade.

Secondly, the danger of infecting other groves through scale-infected fruit is remote; it is not claimed that infection by this means is impossible, but it is unlikely.

Thirdly, the real danger of the spread of scale in ~~coastal~~ and other pests lies in the transport of pest-infected nursery stock. It is more than probable that the very high rate of infection with Red Scale in the orange groves of the coastal plain is due very largely, if not entirely, to this source.

In view of these facts Government has decided to abolish the quarantine line and the Plant Inspection Posts thereon.

Plant Nursery Inspection Regulations have been in force for the past year, and as these are more rigidly enforced, and the public becomes more accustomed to them, they should afford adequate protection from Red Scale, Mistle Scale or Black Scale being sent from any nursery to areas as yet uninfected.

2nd October, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 27536

Slight damage which has since been repaired was done to the I.P.O. pipe-line near Beisan during the night.

Early this morning shots were fired at a taxi on the Acre-Haifa road, wounding an Arab woman.

Five Arabs were arrested yesterday following a search by the troops and the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force of an Arab encampment near Roshpina.

2nd October, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 277/36.

Early last night in the course of heavy firing by an armed Arab Band on Sassa Police Post near Ras el Naqura in the Acre sub-district, Arab Police Sergeant Rashid Shaker was seriously wounded. The High Commissioner regrets to announce that he later died in hospital. The Police returned the fire and drove off the band and today certain clues are being followed up.

Since noon yesterday, two Arabs and one Jew have been arrested in illegal possession of firearms and ammunition.

3rd October, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No.
תוצרת רשמית מס.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No.

278/36.

There are no incidents to report since
the publication of yesterday's Official
Communique.

4th October, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.280/36

Following Police investigations fifteen Arabs of El Hamidiya village in the Beisan sub-district have been arrested on suspicion of sabotage of the I.P.C. pipe-line during the night of October 4th/5th.

During the last twenty four hours twenty one Arabs have been arrested for curfew-breaking.

6th October, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 281/36

Following on the burning of a truck in Semakh railway station on October 4th, a house was demolished yesterday in the town. Four Arabs were also arrested.

As a result of police investigations into the sabotage of the I.P.C. pipe-line during the night of the 4th/5th October, a house was yesterday demolished at Hamadih in the Beisan sub-district.

During the night shots were fired at Neve Yacoub settlement near Jerusalem, to which the police replied. There were no casualties among the settlers or the Police.

During the night the I.P.C. pipe-line was again damaged near Ginegar and the escaping oil ignited. Repairs are in hand.

Since noon yesterday, three Arabs have been arrested in illegal possession of fire arms.

7th October, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.282/36.

Yesterday afternoon when a military and police force was returning to Bethlehem from a search in the neighbourhood of Hussan village where an armed Arab gang had been located the previous evening, a detachment of the Cameron Highlanders engaged a small armed party, killing one and wounding two, one of whom was arrested. Later the Police captured a third armed Arab. There were no casualties among the troops or the police.

Yesterday afternoon a Palestinian Superintendent of Police was shot at and wounded in Haifa. He is now reported out of danger.

During the night a Jewish cement machine was damaged near Sumairiya in the Acro sub-district and a case of sabotage of a tomato-crop was reported from Arab el Mura near Nathaniya.

One Arab was arrested yesterday in illegal possession of ammunition in Jaffa.

CURFEW ORDER.

As from Saturday, October 10th, a curfew order will be imposed between the hours of 6.30 p.m. and 4 a.m. within an area two hundred metres wide on either side of the Iraq Petroleum Company's pipe-line from the Nazareth-Affule Road on the East to the Nazareth-Haifa sub-district boundary on the West.

8th October, 1936.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 283/36.

Yesterday afternoon near Kafr Sur in the Tulkarm sub-district an armed Arab band fired at a military motor patrol which replied, inflicting, it is believed, fifteen casualties. There were no casualties among the troops. The area is being searched today.

During the night of October 6/7, considerable damage was done to fruit trees and machinery in a Jewish grove near Kfar Sirkin near Petach Tikvah and last night a number of trees were damaged in Jubilee Forest near Kfar Mahorash.

A large fire occurred in the Government Forest near Khirbat Junis in the Northern District early last night.

During the last twenty-four hours, three Arabs were arrested for suspected arson; twelve on suspicion of being connected with attempted sabotage; and one in illegal possession of firearms.

In yesterday's communiqué it was stated in error that the regiment engaged in the operations near Bethlehem during the afternoon of the 6th October was the Cameron Highlanders. The regiment concerned was in fact the Cameronians.

TRAFFIC ORDER

With effect from 6 p.m. on October 12th, the hours during which the Allenby Bridge on the Jerusalem-Amman Road will be closed nightly to general traffic, will be from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

9th October, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.284/36.

Yesterday afternoon when a reconnaissance party of the Scottish Rifles accompanied by police was returning from Yatta, a military lorry was damaged near Hebron by the explosion of a road mine and three soldiers and one British police constable were injured. Shots were also fired at the party. Later when an armed car patrol arrived from Hebron, it was also fired at and replying, inflicted two known casualties, whereupon the band dispersed. During the shooting, there were no casualties among the troops or police.

During the night there was some shooting on Mount Carmel and at Beit Shemon Settlement near Jaffa. The fire was returned. There were no casualties.

An Arab was arrested yesterday near Nablus in illegal possession of ammunition.

10th October, 1936.

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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 285/36.

A Jew was assaulted by a party of Arabs in the Old City this morning. His condition is not serious. The police are investigating.

Considerable damage was done to fruit trees in a Jewish Grove near Mijdal Sadek during the night.

Since noon yesterday one Arab has been arrested in illegal possession of firearms and another on suspicion of shooting at the troops.

11th October, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO.286/36.

Following on the attack on the troops and police on the Hebron-Yatta road on October 9th (Official Communiqué No.284/36), a collective fine of LP.1000 was yesterday imposed on Hebron. The balance of the previous fine of LP.2000 will first be collected. In addition a curfew order has been imposed within the municipal area for four nights as from tonight between the hours of 7 p.m. and 4 a.m. and houses will be demolished in all cases where the Police find evidence of complicity in the attack on the troops on the 9th October.

During the night some damage which is under repair was done to the I.P.C. pipe-line near Endor and the escaping oil ignited.

About midnight a Jewish supernumerary policeman was killed by a shot fired at Jeida settlement near Acre. The Police are investigating.

12th October, 1936.
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OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 287/36

There are no incidents to report since noon yesterday.

CURFEW ORDER

As from tonight the hours of curfew in Jerusalem will be from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m.

On the roads radiating from Jerusalem and within the Jerusalem district to Jaffa, Nablus and Hebron (excluding the Municipal areas of Bethlehem and Hebron) and also on the Jerusalem-Lydda Railway, the hours will be from 9 p.m. to 3.30 a.m.

13th October, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NO. 287/36

There are no incidents to report since noon yesterday.

CURFEW ORDER

As from tonight the hours of curfew in Jerusalem will be from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m.

On the roads radiating from Jerusalem and within the Jerusalem district to Jaffa, Nablus and Hebron (excluding the Municipal areas of Bethlehem and Hebron) and also on the Jerusalem-Lyddah Railway, the hours will be from 9 p.m. to 8.30 a.m.

13th October, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

No. 288/36.

There are no incidents to report since noon yesterday.

14th October, 1936.

بلاغ رسمي رقم ٢٦/٢٨٨

لم يرد نباء عن وقوع حوادث منذ ظهر أمس .

١٤ تشرين الاول سنة ١٩٣٦

הודעה רשמית מספר 288/36

לא נחשבלו ידיעות על מאורעות מצהרי יום אחמול.

14 באוקטובר, 1936

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 289/36.

yesterday.

There are no incidents to report since noon

The public is informed that, owing to order having been restored and the absence of acts of violence, in future Official Communiques will be issued only when the occasion demands and the daily issue of an Official Communique as a matter of routine is being discontinued.

15th October, 1936.

بلاغ رسمي رقم ٢٦/٢٨٩

لم يرد نباء عن وقوع حوادث منذ ظهر امس .

يعلن للعموم انه بالنظر لعموة النظام وتوقف اعمال

العنف تصدر البلاغات الرسمية في المستقبل عندما تدعو

الحالة الى ذلك فقط . وسيبطل اصدار البلاغات الرسمية

بوميا كما هي العادة الان .

١٥ تشرين الاول سنة ١٩٣٦

הודעה רשמית מס. 289/36

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מודיעים בזה לצבור כי מפאה החזרה הסדר והערך מעשי חמס

חפססמנה הודעות רשמיות בכחיד רק בסעו הצרך ופרסום ההודעות הרשמיות

באופן קבוע מדי יום ביומו יפסק.

15 באוקטובר, 1936

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE
No. 290/36.

It will be recollected that in May last, in Official Communiqué No. 40/36, the High Commissioner announced the remission of half the commuted tithe payable in the Sub-District of Doersheba, representing a relief to the tribes of the payment of LP 4,500.

This was on account of the failure through drought of the winter crops of 1935. The winter crops have again failed this year, and the High Commissioner once more recommended to the Secretary of State that a suitable measure of relief should be granted to the tribes of the Sub-District from payment of the commuted tithe.

His Excellency is pleased to announce that his recommendation has been approved by the Secretary of State, and instructions have accordingly been given to the District Commissioner to distribute remissions to the tribes to a total extent of LP 6,370.

16th-October, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 291/36.

The following is the text of an announcement made this afternoon by the Secretary of State for the Colonies in reply to questions in the House of Commons:-

"On the 19th June and the 22nd of July I informed the House that His Majesty's Government could contemplate no change of policy whatsoever with regard to Palestine until they had received and considered the Report of the Royal Commission. On the 22nd of July I also said that, as regards the suggestion that there should be a temporary suspension of immigration whilst the Commission was carrying out its enquiry, I was not at the time in a position to make any statement as to the intentions of His Majesty's Government beyond saying that their decision would be taken in due course on the merits of the case.

As the House is aware, the Royal Commission is leaving for Palestine today and His Majesty's Government have carefully considered whether or not there should be a temporary suspension of immigration while the Commission is carrying out its enquiry. They have decided that a temporary suspension of immigration would not be justifiable on economic or on other grounds. It is the view of His Majesty's Government that, if any drastic departure from the immigration policy hitherto pursued were now to be introduced in advance of the findings of the Royal Commission, this would involve an alteration in the existing situation and might be held to prejudice the enquiry of the Royal Commission, which will be directed among other matters, to the very important question of immigration generally.

At the same time, His Majesty's Government have thought it right in the present circumstances obtaining in Palestine, to ask the High Commissioner to take a conservative view of the economic absorptive capacity of the country. He has accordingly recommended that the six-monthly labour immigration schedule which was due to be issued last month, should be fixed at 1800 certificates; this recommendation has been approved by His Majesty's Government. This figure compares with a Schedule of 8000 in April, 1935; 3250 in October, 1935, and 4500 in April, 1936.

The new Schedule of 1800 certificates includes a special allotment of 300 certificates to provide for registration as Immigrants of German-Jews in possession of a capital of £1,000 already in Palestine who will have been unable as yet to transfer from Germany the qualifying capital within a prescribed period of 12 months. The total increase, therefore, in the Jewish population resulting from this schedule will not exceed 1500. It will be appreciated, however, that immigration is not confined to those persons who receive certificates under the Labour Schedule. The Categories under which other immigrants enter are as capitalists (that is to say persons in possession of £1,000) and dependents of such capitalists, and dependents of persons authorised to enter under the Labour Schedule; and of persons already resident in Palestine. Taking into account all forms of Jewish immigration, it is expected that the total for the six months from October 1936 will be substantially below that for the preceding six months."

5th November, 1936.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE NC. 292/36.

In view of the serious failure of last season's crops in certain areas the High Commissioner with the approval of the Secretary of State has authorised the distribution of LE 14,000 for the issue of seed loans to needy cultivators for the winter sowing.

Arrangements are being made by District Commissioners for the immediate issue of advances accordingly.
18.11.36.

بلاغ رسمي رقم ٢٩٢/١١١

نظرا للامحال الشديد الذي حل بمزروعات موسم الحبوب الماضي في بعض المناطق فقد خول المندوب السامي بموافقة وزير المستعمرات توزيع مبلغ ٣٤ الف جنيه فلسطيني لامداد قروض البذور للزراع المحتاجين للزراعة الشتوية .
وبناء على ذلك يقوم حكام الالوية بعمل ترتيبات لاصدار السلفيات في الحال .

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הודעה רשמית מס' 292/36

בהתאם עם הליקוי החמור ביבול העונה החולפת במחוזות
ידועים הרשה הנציב העליון, באישורו של מוזכר שממלכה, לחלק
34,000 פ"א (א"י) לשם סחן הלוואות לחקלאים נזרכים לקניה זרעים
לזריעה החורף.

בהתאם לכך עושים מושלי המחוזות את הסידורים
לסחן ספירות מיד.

18.11.36

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 293/36.

13th December, 1936.

The Proclamation of His Majesty King George the Sixth was signed at an Accession Council yesterday. Immediately after the signature of the proclamation, His Majesty was pleased to make the following declaration.

"Your Royal Highnesses, My Lords and Gentlemen. I meet you today in circumstances which are without parallel in the history of our country. Now that the duties of Sovereignty have fallen to me, I declare to you my adherence to the strict principles of the Constitution and my resolve to work before all else for the well-being of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

With my wife as helpmeet by my side, I take up the heavy task which lies before me. In it I look for the support of all my peoples.

Furthermore, my first act on succeeding my Brother will be to confer on him a dukedom and he will henceforth be known as His Royal Highness the Duke of Windsor."

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE No. 294/36.

December 13th, 1936.

His Majesty the King has addressed the following messages to the Services of the Crown:

To the Royal Navy.

"On my Accession to the Throne I recall with pride that, as my dear father did before me, I received my early training in the Royal Navy.

It has been my privilege to serve as a Naval Officer both in Peace and in War; at Jutland, the greatest sea battle of modern times, I saw for myself in action the maintenance of those great traditions which are the inheritance of British seamen.

It is my intention always to keep the closest touch with all ranks and ratings of the Naval Forces throughout the Empire and with all matters affecting them. I shall do so in the sure knowledge that they will be worthy of the implicit trust placed in them by their fellow countrymen and that in their hands the honour of the British Navies will be upheld. George R.I."

To the Army.

"On my Accession to the Throne, I wish to assure all ranks of the Army that their welfare will be one of my chief concerns. It was a notable event in my life four years ago when my father appointed me a Major General in the Army and that association has only served to enhance my admiration for the courage and efficient manner in which their duties, however onerous they may prove, are invariably undertaken.

The task that lies before me is fraught with difficulties but I know full well that the heavy burden of my responsibilities will be lightened by the faithful allegiance of all ranks of the military forces of the Crown throughout the Empire. George R.I."

To the Royal Air Force.

"On my Accession to the Throne I hasten to assure the Air Forces at home and Overseas that I look forward to the maintenance of my close connection with them, which has been such a happy feature of my life ever since I became a Junior Officer in the Service in 1918, and served with the independent Air Force in France.

As Air Chief Marshal, I have watched with keen appreciation the way in which the Service has proved more than equal to many tasks which a rapid expansion has imposed upon it.

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I know full well that the Air Forces of the Empire will maintain to the full the great traditions that they have already established, combining with the highest efficiency and zeal a fine chivalry of service and a deep and steadfast loyalty. George R.I. "

To The Civil Services.

"I desire on my Accession to the Throne, to express to all grades of the Civil Service my appreciation of the ability and devotion with which they have always discharged their varied duties, whether at home or overseas.

The record of the British Civil Service is indeed unique and I recognise with satisfaction the great position which its members have won for themselves in the life of the community. Its great traditions and those of the Dominion Services, of Indian and Colonial Services, are wellknown to me, and I am sure that I can depend on that spirit of steadfast devotion to duty which has at all times animated them.

Whatever difficulties may lie ahead, I know I can rely upon their lasting loyalty. George R.I. "